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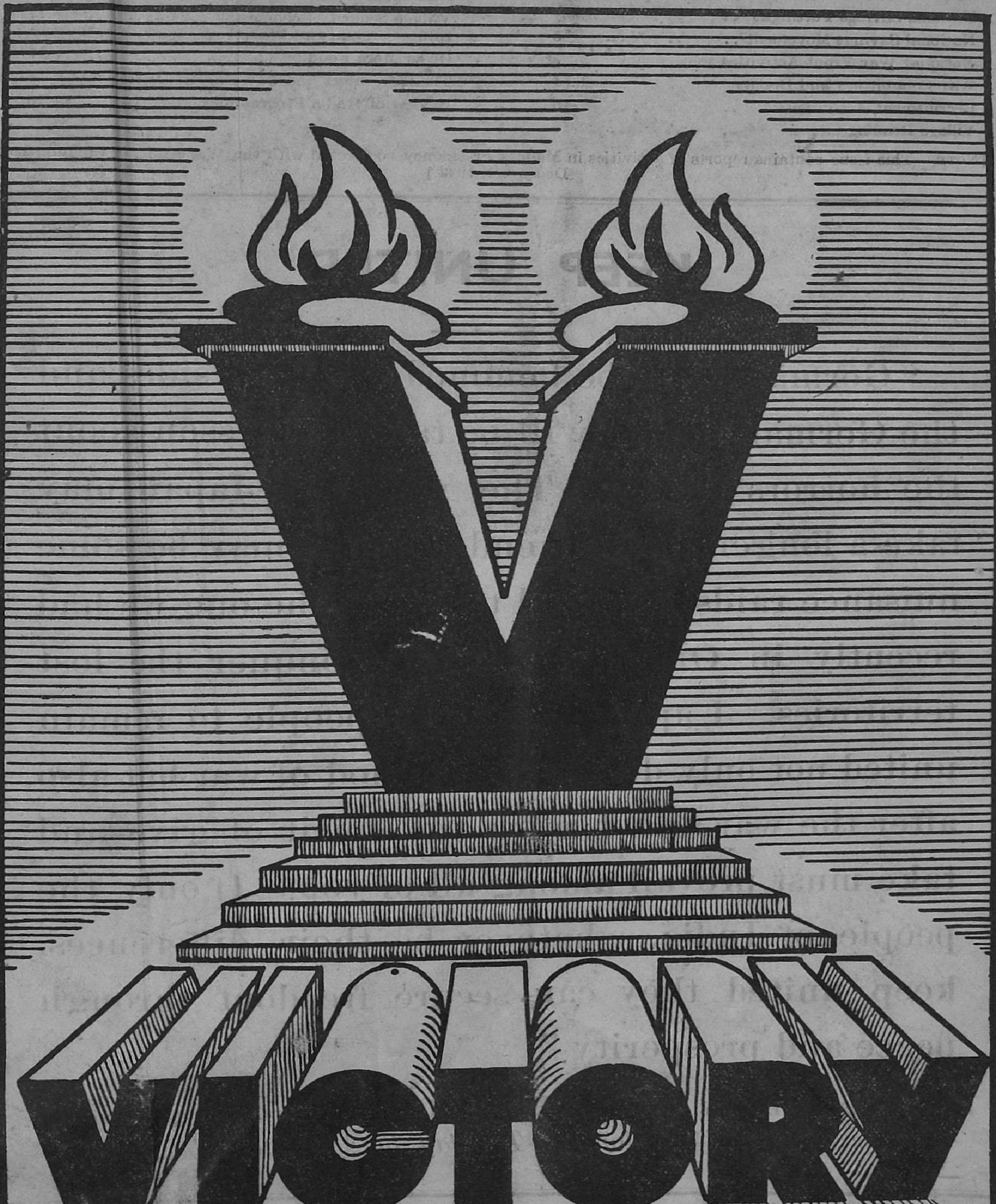

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[NOTE.—This issue contains reports of activities in Madras Presidency connected with the War Effort for the month of December 1944.]

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"Germany will be hemmed in on all sides and the German people will be taught a lesson about the horrors of war. The war with Japan may take a longer time to end. There may be some nuisance raids here and there, as the one we had recently in Orissa, until we conquer the lost territories. I appeal to all the people to remain united not only during the period of war but also after the war and I wish the spirit of give and take must prevail among all of you. If only the people of India, whatever be their differences, keep united they can secure freedom through peace and prosperity."

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR HOPE, *Governor of Madras, in his speech at Cuddalore, on Tuesday, the* 12*th December* 1944.

NOTICE

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the mufassal districts for publication in the next number of VICTORY.

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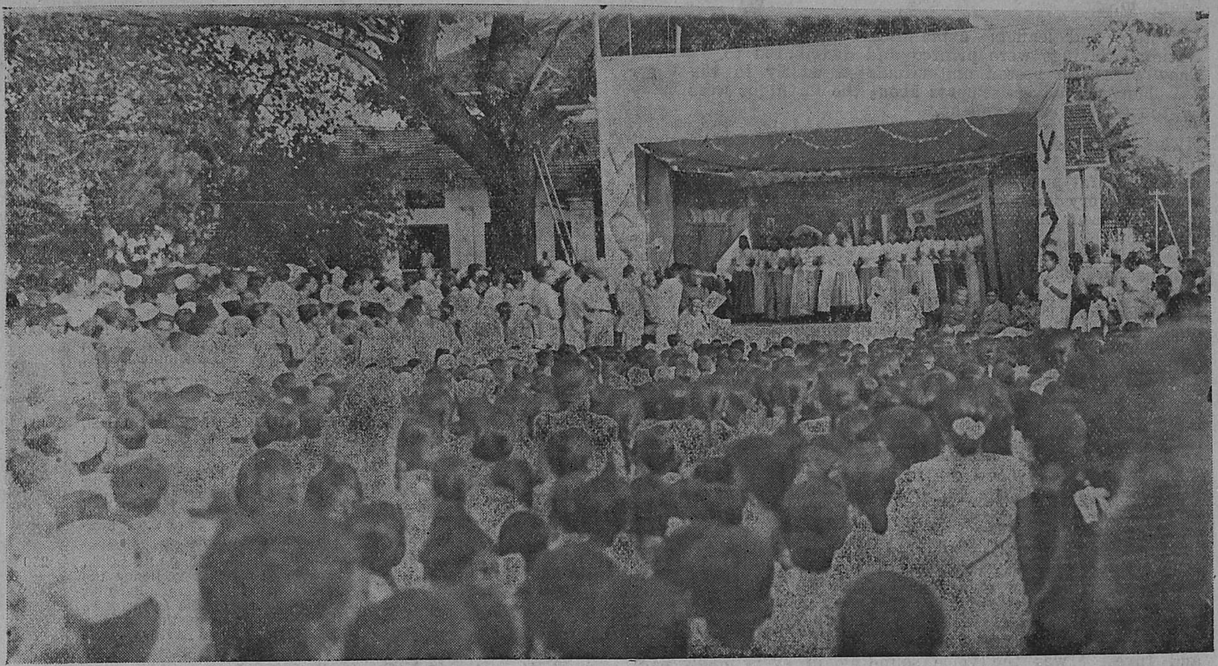

NATIONAL SAVINGS FORTNIGHT AT TELLICHERRY.—Photo taken on the occasion of the public meeting held at Tellicherry on 15th December 1944.

Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as on 1st January 1945.

Receipts.

From districts as under (including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund):—

	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	23,94,426	11	9
East Godavari	22,35,716	5	4
West Godavari	21,40,520	13	10
Madras	21,18,888	10	6
Vizagapatam	17,53,314	3	4
Kistna	17,32,256	5	2
Tinnevelly	16,84,423	2	3
Tanjore	16,15,855	5	5
Guntur	16,08,637	10	4
Madura	15,28,494	3	8
Kurnool	15,22,154	15	10
Ramnad	13,95,849	8	6
Malabar	11,84,188	12	6
North Arcot	11,56,142	7	0
Nellore	10,59,225	10	6
Salem	10,35,407	7	2
Trichinopoly	9,95,182	12	4
South Kanara	8,90,118	9	5
Chingleput	8,76,170	13	3
South Arcot	8,46,264	13	3
Bellary	7,68,208	14	11
Cuddapah	7,62,541	13	8
Nilgiris	6,75,756	14	4
Anantapur	6,08,287	11	8
Chittoor	5,88,813	7	2
Travancore	1,09,890	1	6
Bangalore-Mysore-Coorg	28,520	7	9
Total ..	3,33,15,258	12	4

Disbursements.

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons ..	1,80,00,000	0	0
To specific charities in accordance with the wishes of donors and to the Joint War Charities Committee	66,41,906	12	2
To Indian Air Force	18,50,000	0	0
To Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers	4,10,000	0	0
To Madras Flying Club on account of scholarships, Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment for training flying instructors, etc. ..	3,08,971	3	1
To His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	14,[illegible]	14	11
To relief of evacuees	1,37,166	6	5
To Joint War Charities Committee on account of "Amenities for Troops" earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	33,33,598	3	9
To sundry payments for which sanction has been accorded	89,393	6	0
Total disbursements ..	3,10,37,448	11	10
To cost of Government of India 3 months' Treasury Bills for the face value of Rs. 7½ lakhs. — RS. 7,49,179 A. 11 P. 0			
Balance .. .. — 15,28,630 5 6	22,77,810	0	6
Total ..	3,33,15,258	12	4

His Excellency the Governor's Tour

His Excellency accompanied by the Hon'ble Lady Hope visited Chidambaram on the morning and Cuddalore on the afternoon of 12th December, Kodaikanal from 13th to 15th and Dindigul on the 15th.

At Chidambaram, His Excellency presided over the Annamalai University Convocation, and at Cuddalore he granted interviews to leading non-officials, visited the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board and Recruiting Office and at the end of a public drive addressed a public meeting. In the course of his speech His Excellency referred to the representations made to him regarding food scarcity in many parts of the district and promised to do what was possible and also to see that all repairs to the flood-affected tanks were carried out at an early date. His Excellency then surveyed the war situation and advised the people to remain united not only during the period of the war but also after the war. His Excellency attended a benefit performance that night in aid of the War Fund.

His Excellency addressed public meetings at Kodaikanal on the 14th and at Dindigul on the 15th December.

Enroute to Dindigul His Excellency visited the Coffee Planters' Co-operative institutions at Pattiveeranpatti. His Excellency returned to Madras on the 16th December.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS FORTNIGHT

The special feature for the month was the National Savings Drive in the Madras Presidency from the 1st to 15th December on the lines of similar drives in the United Kingdom.

Posters and leaflets explaining the various items of National Savings were printed and distributed to districts. They were also posted and circulated widely in the City. Suitable press advertisements about the fortnight were made by the Central Government.

The Madras Provincial Defence Loans Committee arranged for holding a series of public meetings during the Fortnight in the several parts of the City with the object of bringing home to every household in the City the necessity of saving at the present moment. Places like Perambur and Royapuram were selected for poor and labouring classes, Mylapore and Triplicane for high class people, Georgetown for business people and merchants and school premises in Purasawakkam and Thiagarayanagar for middle class people and students. High officials of trust and responsibility and non-officials of high repute addressed these meetings. They appealed to one and all, whatever may be his colour, creed or caste the imperative necessity to spend less and to save and invest in the best form of security to fight inflation and to bring down prices, to secure their future and to build a greater, better and more prosperous India. A summary of these speeches was also broadcast through the A.I.R.

The managements of big factories and firms arranged for holding meetings of the labourers during office hours in the fortnight and the Assistant Circle Officer, Madras City, explained to them why they should save and where they should invest and above all appealed to them to begin to save however small it may be. The managements afforded all facilities for the encouragement of thrift among their workmen. The National War Front lecturers made house-to-house appeal about savings and the Authorized Agents were busy in canvassing for the investments.. In short "Save and Invest" was the voice sounding in every one's ears throughout the City during the fortnight.

The Deputy National Savings Commissioner, Major G. A. H. Korts, visited the City during the Fortnight on the 14th and 15th December 1944.

Reports about the activities of the fortnight in districts received showed that an intensive effort was made on the same lines as in the City. The subscriptions received in the various districts towards Victory Loan and National Savings Certificates are shown in the statement appended.

The average fortnightly investments for the previous four months was:—

	RS.
Victory Loan	57 lakhs.
National Savings Certificates	8½ ,,

The investment in the fortnight under drive was:—

	RS.
Victory Loan	2·83 crores.
National Savings Certificates	22·0 lakhs.

The results were encouraging and the drive is being sustained and continued in the succeeding months.

The general progress in the sales of National Savings Certificates from 1st April 1944 is as shown below:—

	RS.
April	6,35,010
May	4,74,070
June	5,63,653
July	8,44,380
August	13,60,190
September	19,58,780
October	18,94,530
November	14,00,880
December 1944 up to 16th December 1944 (two weeks).	25,95,090

Statement showing the collections under Victory Loan, and National Savings Certificates during the National Savings Fortnight.

District.	Victory Loan.	N.S. Certificate.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Madras	2,03,09,000	2,58,660	2,05,66,660
Coimbatore	14,46,000	2,27,830	16,73,830
Nellore	14,26,000	43,420	14,69,420
Tinnevelly	6,61,300	2,33,380	8,94,680
West Godavari	7,88,100	32,530	8,20,630
Trichinopoly	5,49,300	1,26,600	6,75,900
Malabar	4,68,300	1,26,650	5,94,950
Tanjore	3,90,400	1,62,060	5,52,460
South Kanara	2,38,200	2,37,360	4,75,560
Salem	3,36,700	88,640	4,25,340
Guntur	2,58,800	1,21,390	3,80,190
East Godavari	2,55,300	8,680	2,63,980
South Arcot	1,82,200	36,840	2,19,040
Cuddapah	2,13,400	3,080	2,16,480
Kurnool	1,92,700	17,650	2,10,350
Kistna	1,66,800	21,190	1,87,990
North Arcot	94,100	82,520	1,76,620
Ramnad	45,900	1,13,100	1,59,000
Chingleput	71,000	58,170	1,29,170
Madura	62,000	59,370	1,21,370
Anantapur	92,100	21,890	1,13,990
Chittoor	Nil.	1,04,300	1,04,300
Nilgiris	29,100	17,890	46,990
Vizagapatam	18,700	21,980	40,680
Bellary	2,500	16,220	18,720

The following public meetings were held by the Provincial Defence Loans Committee in Madras City during the fortnight:—

Date.	Place.	(1) President, (2) Speakers.	Approximate number of people attended.
1—12—44 6 p.m.	Victoria Public Hall.	INAUGURATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS. (1) Sir James Nu tall, *Kt.*, Chairman, Provincial Defence Loans Committee. (2) Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliar, C.I.E., Ex-Minister, Government of Madras, Mrs. Mary N. Clubwala, M.B.E., Begum Amiruddin, Rao Bahadur Albert Jesudasan, B.A.	Nearly 2,000.
2—12—44 5-30 p.m.	Banqueting Hall.	(1) Her Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope. (2) Mrs. R.S. Swarnambal, M.A.. L.T., Mrs. Mary N. Clubwala, M.B.E., Dr. D.S. Rajalakshmi, M.A. PH. D.	150 (mostly ladies).
3—12—44 10-30 a.m.	New Globe Theatre, Mount Road.	(1) Sir Norman Strathie, K.C.I.E., I.C.S., (2) Dr. Syed Niamathulla Sahib, Mrs. N. Ramamurthi, M.A., L.T.	1,500
Note.—After the meeting Educational and War films were shown.			
5—12—44 6-30 p.m.	Ranade Hall, Mylapore.	(1) The Hon'ble Sir Lionel Leach, *Kt.*, Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature, Madras. (2) Diwan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., Rao Bahadur N. Sivaraj, B.A., B.L., M.L.A. (Central), Member, National Defence Council, Mr. V. C. Sundararajan, B.A., B.L.	400
8—12—44 6 p.m.	Kellett Hall, Triplicane.	(1) Sir T. Austin, K. C.I.E., I.C.S., Advisor to His Excellency the Governor. (2) Rao Bahadur S. K. Yagnanarayana Ayyar, M.A., Mr. P. Krishnamurthi Ayyar, B.A., B.L., National Savings Circle Officer, Madras.	250
9—12—44 6. p.m.	Sir M.Ct. Muthiah Chettiar High School, Purasawakkam.	(1) Mr. S. V. Ramamurthi, C.I.E., I.C.S., Advisor to His Excellency the Governor of Madras. (2) Mr. V. S. Subramaniam, Chief Cashier, Imperial Bank of India, Madras. Mr. K.S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar, Retired Judge, High Court.	200
10—12—44 10-30 a.m.	Saraswathi Talkies, Perambur.	(1) Sir P. T. Rajan, Bar.-at-law, Regional Leader, N.W.F. (2) Ahmed Sultan, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Madura, Mr. S. Venkatesa Iyengar, B.A., B.L.. Mr. Rajagopal Naidu, Diwan Bahadur Appadurai Pillai, M.A., I.S.O.	1,200
Note.—After the meeting Educational and War films were shown.			
10-12-44 6. p.m.	Ramakrishna Mission High School, Theagarayanagar.	(1) The Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Chandrasekhara Ayyar. (2) Mr. K. Balasubramania Ayyar, B.A., B.L., Diwan Bahadur M. Raman, M.L.A., Retired Assistant Director of Survey, Rao Sahib T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar B.A., B.L.	150
12—12—44 6 p.m.	Kannappanayanar Kazhalagam, Rayapuram.	(1) Mr. B. W. Day, I.C.S., Collector of Madras. (2) Dr. A. Krishnaswamy, M.A., PH.D., Mrs. N. Sivaraj.	900
15—12—44 6. p.m.	St. Mary's Hall, G.T., Madras.	(1) Sir James Nuttall, *Kt.*, Chairman, Provincial Defence Loans Committee. (2) Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity and Provincial Organizer, National War Front, Madras. Mr. K. M. Balasubrahmaniam, B.A., B.L., Song Publicity Organizer, Madras.	

The A.C.O., Madras City, arranged for the following meetings and delivered lectures on "Savings Campaign and the National Savings fortnight":—

Date.	Place.	(1) President, (2) Speakers.	Approximate number of people attended.
2—12—44	Ordnance Inspection Depot, Perambur.	(1) Col. N.N. Chopra, I.A.O.C. Officer Commanding, O.I.D., Madras (2) A.C.O., Madras.	350
4—12—44	Ordnance and Saddlery Factory: Mount Road.	(1) Welfare Supervisor. (2) A.C.O., Madras, Lecturer, N.W.F.	400
5—12—44	Messrs. Spencer & Co., Mount Road, Madras.	(1) Rao Bahadur Albert Jesudasan. (2) A.C.O., Madras.	1,500
6—12—44	Messrs. Burmah Shell & Co. Installation in Tondiarpet.	(1) Mr. K. M. Kelso, Manager, Burmah Shell. (2). A.C.O., Madras.	1,500
6—12—44	Diocesan Press, Vepery.	(1) Manager, Diocesan Prees. (2) A.C.O., Madras.	760
8—12—44	Ordnance Clothing Factory, Mount Road.	(1) Mr. T. Purushotham, Welfare Officer. (2) A.C.O., Madras.	2,500
9—12—44	Govt. Medicial Stores, Vepery.	(1) Superintendent Medical Stores. (2) A.C.O., Madras.	1,000
14—12—44	Govt. Press, G.T., Madras.	(1) A. G. Anderson, Superintendent, Government Press. (2) A.C.O., Madras.	2,500

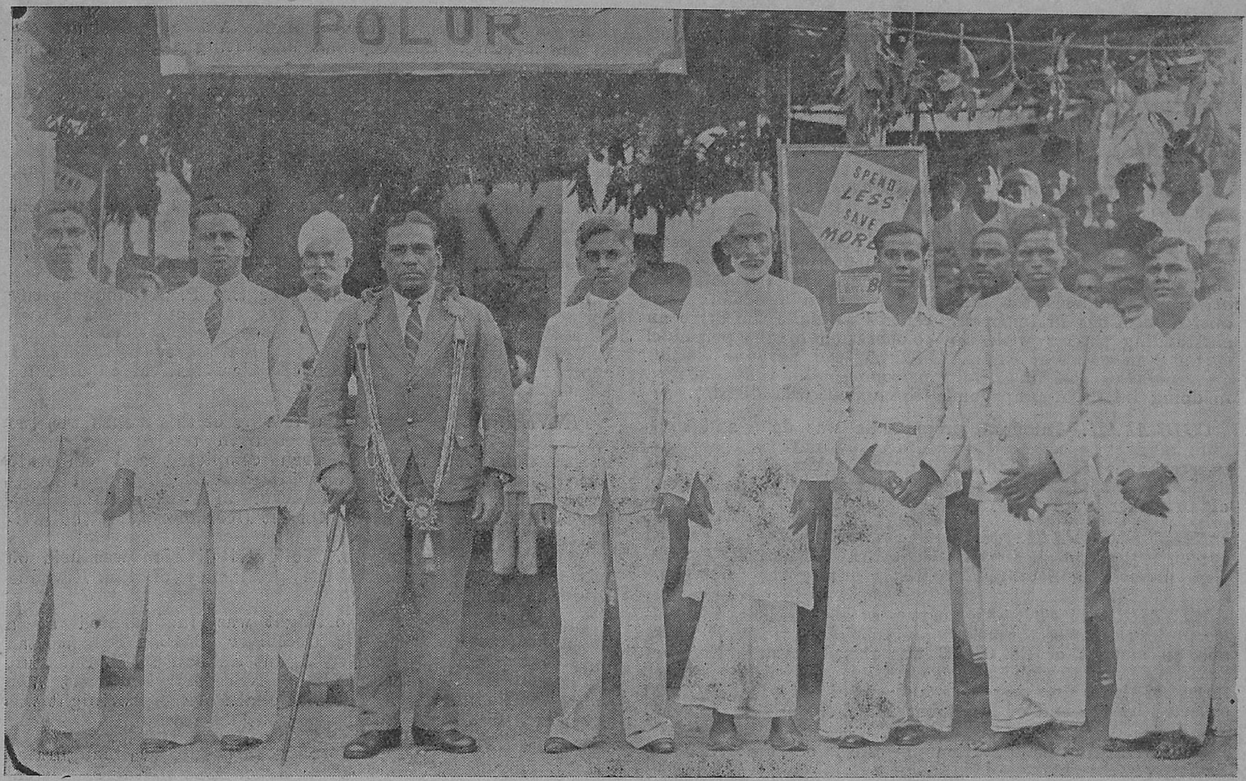

Photo taken on the occasion of a public meeting in connexion with the National Savings Fortnight and opening of a "Victory Reading Room" at Polur on 14th December 1944. The picture shows Khan Bahadur S. Ahmed Ali Sahib Bahadur, B.A., Collector of North Arcot, who presided over and opened the Reading Room, along with Mr. G. Ramachandran, B.A. (Hons.) (Left), Revenue Divisional Officer, Tiruvannamalai, and Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, B.A., B.L. (Right), District Organizer, National War Front, North Arcot.

National Savings Movement

Government Servants as Authorized Agents

Under paragraphs 6 and 7 of G.O. No. 54, Finance (Ways and Means), dated the 8th February 1944, Government servants should not be appointed as Authorized Agents in connexion with the Small Savings Scheme unless they are willing to do the work on a voluntary basis and without receiving any commission. In modification of this order, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that Government servants may act as 'paid' Authorized Agents and draw the prescribed commission (2½ per cent) provided that they undertake to contribute at once to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund all amounts received on account of that commission. The commission may be drawn in respect of past sales of National Savings Certificates also, i.e., Government servants who have been acting as 'Voluntary' Authorized Agents hitherto and who now give the above undertaking will be treated as having been 'Paid' Authorized Agents from the beginning.

MADRAS.—The Defence Loans Sub-Committee met on all Wednesdays and transacted routine work.

ANANTAPUR.—The National Savings Fortnight was celebrated from 1st to 15th December 1944 in a fitting manner throughout the district.

The National Savings Fortnight was celebrated in Gooty taluk from 1st December 1944 to 15th December 1944. Meetings were held in all important villages and towns. There was a procession through the main Bazaar streets of Gooty with posters and slogans on 6th December 1944. There was a public meeting presided over by Mr. C. V. Thomas, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gooty. Sri T. Narasimhachari, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Tadpatri, Janab Abdul Razaak Sahib, Urdu Lecturer, National War Front, Cuddapah, Rev. J. D. Souri of the London Mission, Gooty, and Mr. S. S. Moorthy, District Lecturer, addressed the gathering. A sum of Rs. 3,000 was invested in the National Savings Scheme.

A public meeting of the citizens of Peddavadugur was held in the village chavadi on 7th December 1944 under the presidency of the Tahsildar. The Taluk Propagandist Mr. Sastri exhorted the audience to invest their maximum in the Small Savings.

On 8th December 1944 there was a meeting of the villagers of surrounding villages at Peddavadugur presided over by Sri K. Chinna Narapa Reddi, Gin owner, Pedda Vadugur. The ryots and village officers of Miduthur, Gajrampalli, Ramarajupalli, Chintalcheruvu, Chinnavadugur, Taliki, Medimakulapalli, Mallenipalli and Muppalgutti villages attended the meeting. Sri K. Chinna Narapa Reddi himself promised to invest Rs. 5,000 and others followed lead. The village officers also were given detailed instructions regarding the procedure to be adopted by them in purchasing National Savings Certificates and delivering them to the parties.

A public meeting was held at Pamidi on 9th December 1944 presided over by Rao Saheb G. Somi Reddi, Bar.-at-Law, District Organizer, National War Front, presiding. Sri C. Obula Reddi, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Rayalcheruvu, Dr. Gnana Surudu, Local Medical Officer, Sri N. Narayana Rao, Kurnool, and E. D. Lekler, London Mission, Pamidi, and the Tahsildar addressed the audience.

Messrs. Ralli Bros. and Messrs. M. Hampaiah and Sons, Ltd., of Guntakal held meetings of their employees and pursuaded them to put their overtime earnings, etc., into savings on 11th December 1944.

There was a big procession starting from the High School to the Rani Choultry through the main bazaars of the town with posters and slogans led by Sri C. G. Sastri, Taluk Propagandist. A public meeting was held under the presidency of Rao Bahadur Dr. S. J. Eapen, District Medical Officer, M. & S.M. Railway, Guntakal. The Taluk Propagandist, Sri C. J. Sastri, Sri M. Narayanappa and Sri S. Balaji Rao, Tahsildar, addressed the gathering. A sum of Rs. 30,000 was invested in the 1957 victory bonds and National Savings Certificates by the public of Thimmancherla.

Propaganda was done among the ryots of Gooty and Nagasamudram firka village from 12th to 15th of December 1944.

A total sum of Rs. 40,000 was invested in the National Savings Scheme from the main taluk of Gooty.

BELLARY WEST.—The National Savings Fortnight drive was carried on vigorously throughout the district and a number of processions, entertainments and public meetings were organized at various places in the district from 1st to 15th December. Sweets were distributed to the various school children, who took part in these processions and poster publicity and propaganda was done on a lavish scale. A number of street dramas was arranged throughout the district in this connexion and propaganda through entertainments was done effectively.

CHITTOOR.—The National Savings Fortnight was conducted throughout the district and National Savings Certificates to the value of Rs. 2,55,530 were sold according to the reports received in addition to investments in the other forms of securities. The number of Authorized Agents has risen to about 940.

COIMBATORE.—There was a public meeting in connexion with the inauguration of the Savings Fortnight on 1st December 1944 at the Victoria Town Hall, presided by Mr. A. Ramanatha Pillai, Principal, Government College, and the week was inaugurated by Mr. C. J. Paul. Messrs. Rao Sahib K. Nanjundiah and Mr. S. Rajam Ayyar spoke on that occasion while Mr. R. T. Nayudu, the District Organizer, proposed vote of thanks. A committee known as "*The Small Savings Campaign Committee*" was formed with Mr. V. Gopal Nayudu as its President and Mr. R. T. Nayudu and Mr. K. Nanjundiah, as Honorary Secretaries. The said committee again met on 15th December 1944 at the Victory House, Gopalapuram, at 9-45 a.m. and chalked out a detailed programme to intensify the drive. Throughout the district the Revenue officials conducted meetings in important centres to make the drive an outstanding success with the co-operation of the personnel of the National War Front. In brief, the Revenue officials and the National War Front personnel were fully engaged in doing intensive propaganda throughout the district.

CUDDAPAH.—Intensive propaganda was done and steps were taken to speed up collections under Savings Campaign to reach the target figure of Rs. 27 lakhs fixed for this district for 1944-45. The total collections up to the end of December were Rs. 18,51,800.

EAST GODAVARI.—National Savings Drive was carried out on a grand scale in East Godavari. About Rs. 3,42,000 were invested in Savings Certificates during the fortnight.

WEST GODAVARI.—An amount of Rs. 9,62,000 was collected in December towards 3 per cent Victory Bond, 1957, and an amount of Rs. 67,690 was raised towards National Savings Certificates and a sum of Rs. 1,58,429 towards other forms of loans making a grand total of Rs. 30,64,829 collected by the end of December 1944.

KISTNA.—An inauguration meeting of the National Savings Fortnight was held at Bezwada on 1st December 1944. The Subordinate Judge, Bezwada, presided over the meeting. The National Savings Circle Officer explained to the public in detail about the National Savings Scheme. A meeting was held at Masulipatam under the presidency of the Collector, Kistna. A sum of Rs. 1,00,000 was contributed on the spot.

KURNOOL.—The "National Savings Fortnight" was celebrated from December 1st to 15th throughout the district by the officials of the Revenue Department in co-operation with the officials of the Educational and Health Departments. The staff of the National War Front also extended its active co-operation. A public meeting was held at Kurnool on 1st December 1944 to inaugurate the "Savings Fortnight." The Collector presided over the meeting and addressed the gathering on the need for investing large sums of money in Small Savings Scheme.

Collections to the various forms of Defence Savings amounted to Rs. 2,95,722 during the month. Collections up to date amount to Rs. 35·8 lakhs in this district.

MALABAR.—The general savings campaign both under the Small Savings Scheme and under the Madras (Canvassers) savings campaign was in progress. The National Savings Fortnight was held from 1st to 15th December 1944. An organized drive was conducted throughout the district during the period to better the progress of collection.

TANJORE.—The whole of the first fortnight of December 1944 occupied all officers in convening and addressing meetings at a number of places in the district in connection with the National Savings Fortnight.

The National Savings Fortnight was held from 1st December 1944 to 15th December 1944. The Collector inaugurated the fortnight on 1st December 1944 at the Ramanatha Chettiar's Hall, Tanjore. Strenuous efforts were made to collect subscription towards Defence Savings despite the rains during the period. Door-to-door collections were made and the rich and poor were contacted. The response was satisfactory and more than Rs. 6 lakhs were collected.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The most important feature during the month was the successful celebration of the National Savings Fortnight in all the important taluks and firka centres in this district. At Trichinopoly on 8th December 1944, a big procession was conducted in the evening to celebrate the fortnight from the Clock Tower to the Town Hall Square. Three big elephants marched in front with Their Majesties' photos and a large number of school boys carried flags and placards. Immediately after the arrival of the procession at the Town Hall Square a successful meeting was held under the presidentship of Mr. W. W. Georgeson, I.C.S., the District and Sessions Judge. Sri R. S. Malayappan, Additional District Magistrate, Trichinopoly, Sri S. Sooryamoorthy, Advocate, and Sri P. N. Sadasivam Pillai, Divisional Organizer, Musiri, delivered speeches explaining the end and aim of the National Savings Scheme. Sri M. Chinnadorai, Revenue Divisional Officer, Trichinopoly, explained to the public how willingly people came forward to invest their money. A large crowd attended the meeting. Subscriptions amounting to Rs. 4½ lakhs were announced.

Another successful propaganda meeting was held at the Town Hall Square on 22nd December 1944, when R. S. Malayappan, Additional District Magistrate, Trichinopoly, presided. Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, Madras, and Khan Bahadur P. Khalifulla, M.A., B.L., First Councillor, Pudukottah State, addressed at length on the present situation of the war and the duties of the people to-day. Sri P. Krishnamoorthi Ayyar, Defence Loans and National Savings Commissioner, Madras, also spoke at length on the various aspects of the Savings Scheme.

The Defence Loans Commissioner Sri P. Krishnamoorthy Ayyar toured in this district during the month. He visited Perambalur, a taluk centre, along with the District Organizer and addressed the villagers. At Srirangam he addressed another good gathering during Ekadasi festival on Defence Loans and Saving Certificates.

TINNEVELLY.—The special feature of this month was the concerted savings drive conducted in the first fortnight. Preparations for this had been completed and elaborate instructions have been issued in advance. Divisional meetings of official and non-official workers at Tuticorin and Shermadevi divisions were held. On 1st December 1944, the divisional meeting for Tinnevelly was held in the Collector's bungalow. The meeting for Koilpatti division was held on 2nd December 1944 under the presidency of the Revenue Divisional Officer.

The National Savings Fortnight was inaugurated at a public meeting held on 1st December 1944 at Palamcottah under the presidency of Syed Abdus Subhan Sahib Bahadur, Additional District Magistrate, and Secretary, District War Committee, Tinnevelly. The National Savings Fortnight was celebrated successfully throughout the district.

In Tuticorin Municipal area, the fortnight was inaugurated at a public meeting on 2nd December 1944 in the Municipal Council Hall under the presidency of the Sub-Collector. The town was divided into 12 wards and each ward was entrusted to a group of workers. Special mention may be made of the services of the lady workers, Mrs. G. P. Sampson and Miss L. Devottah, Secretary of the Tuticorin National Savings Bureau, the Commissioner, Tuticorin, Municipality, the Municipal Health Officer, the Inspector of Customs, the Inspector of Salt and the non-officials, Messrs. V. V. Dhanushkodi Nadar, I. C. Machade and S. S. P. Rengaswamy Nadar.

In Tinnevelly, meeting was held on 5th December 1944 at the Municipal Office under the presidency of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tinnevelly. Rao Sahib M. V. Subramaniam, M.A., L.T., Professor, St. John's College, Palamcottah, and member, Municipal Council, addressed the gathering. The workers were divided into groups and each group was put in charge of a ward. On 6th December 1944, a meeting was held in the Municipal Hall, Palamcottah, when plans for house-to-house canvassing and collections were drawn up. The town was divided into four divisions and each division was put in charge of a group of workers.

In the taluks, the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars arranged public meetings during the fortnight at which the implications of the Savings movement and the advantages of investments in National Savings Certificate and other forms of Government Loans were explained to the people. House-to-house canvassing was done by the village officers and officers of the Revenue and other departments throughout the district. The propaganda materials received from the National Savings Circle Officer were distributed throughout the district, short speeches on Savings Schemes were delivered in the Cinema houses at Tuticorin, Tinnevelly and Ambasamudram and other places.

The staff and the students of the educational institutions in Tuticorin St. John's College, Palamcottah, Ramaswamy Pillai Middle School at Ilanji, Board High School, Kadayanallur, Board High School, Tiruchendur, Theerthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, High School, Pattamadai, and Hindu Middle School, Veeravanallur, took special interest in the savings drive. Essay and elocution contests on subjects relating to Savings movement were held in which a large number of pupils participated and the winners were awarded prizes. The scouts of St. Francis Xavier's High School, Tuticorin, assisted the canvassers in the sale of National Savings Certificates and conducted an inter-patrol thrift competition in the town.

The personnel of the National War Front took special interest in the Savings drive. The propaganda staff carried on intensive publicity of the Savings Movement. The District Organizer and the lecturers of the National War Front toured in Ambasamudram taluk in the second week of the fortnight. The propaganda van and the loud speaker equipment were used by them to broadcast the message of the savings campaign in the villages.

As a result of the intensive drive organized during the National Savings Fortnight, collections in the month have gone up to 400 per cent of the average monthly target of

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National War Front Activities

MADRAS.—The total number of meetings held in December 1944 was 318. The District Organiser addressed five of these meetings. Mr. K. Kalyanasundaram, District Lecturer, addressed 35 meetings; Mrs. T. S. Kunjitham, Lady Lecturer (Telugu) addressed 37 meetings; Mrs. C. Saraswathy, Lady Lecturer (Tamil) addressed 57 meetings; Mrs. Mahaboobunissa Begum, Lady Lecturer (Muslim) addressed 43 meetings; Mr. T. Mohamed Ibrahim, Lecturer (Muslim), addressed 31 meetings; Mr. K. Rangappa Nayudu, Lecturer (Telugu), addressed 25 meetings; Mr. C. M. Shankaralingam, Lecturer for students, addressed 21 meetings; Mr. S. P. I. Balagurusivam, Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, addressed 64 meetings.

The Ballad Mistress Mrs. S. Lalithakumari sang war songs and ballads in Tamil, Telugu and Urdu at all the van meetings, house talks and school meetings.

Mr. A. M. Arokiaswamy Pillay, Honorary Organiser for Tannery Workers, toured the Saidapet taluk in the Chingleput district and visited seven villages, seven tanneries, two schools and gave informal talks and held small meetings. He collected a sum of Rs. 560 towards the purchase of Small Savings Certificates.

Several meetings were held in connection with the Small Savings Drive inaugurated by the Governor of Madras. The meetings were well attended and the drive was quite a success. The co-operation by the National War Front to the Defence Loan Committee was well commended by the Chairman, Defence Loans Committee and the Provincial Organiser.

At the Indian Christian Conference held at Trichinopoly on the 26th, the City Organiser who was specially invited to address the Conference took the opportunity to emphasise Small Savings and War Effort.

On the 30th and 31st the City Organiser assisted by the Muslim Lecturer and Students' Lecturer held several meetings in different parts of the City with the object of encouraging recruitment to the various services.

ANANTAPUR.—Intensive propaganda on the war effort, recruitment and National and Small Savings Scheme was done in all the villages of the district. War pamphlets, war reviews and other war material received from time to time were distributed among all Tahsildars and the District Organiser, National War Front, Anantapur, for wide publicity. The Reading Circles functioned satisfactorily and the villagers were well informed of the war situation. The District Organiser, the District Lecturer, the Lady Lecturers and the Taluk Propagandists of the National War Front toured throughout the district and regularly addressed meetings in towns and rural areas explaining to the public the present situation of the war and their duty in the matter. The National War Front Propaganda Van accompanied by the District Lecturer toured in rural areas and attracted a good number of people where the present situation of the war was explained to them.

ARCOT (SOUTH).—Intensive propaganda was carried on by the District Organiser and his staff during the month under review and special stress was laid on the need for saving. The District Organiser toured for 26 days and carried on propaganda in six taluks and three sub-taluks of the district. He addressed 18 meetings including III Quarterly Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists at Vriddhachalam. Sri R. M. L. Pandian, the District Lecturer, toured for 22 days with van, visited 17 villages, four towns and addressed 15 public meetings. Special emphasis was laid by him on Savings Propaganda during the first fortnight. Janab Shaik Abdul Khader, Additional Lecturer for Muslims, toured for four days in the district, addressed two public meetings and gave one informal talk. Miss L. Rose Perianayagam, the Lady Lecturer, North Range, toured for 21 days, visited 9 villages and 4 towns and inspected five Reading Circles. She attended the Refresher course held at Vriddhachalam and gave talks on "The Postwar World and capital goods industries", "Fighting the black-market", etc., Srimathi K. V. Padmasani, the Lady Lecturer, South Range, toured for 22 days, visited two towns and 14 villages and inspected seven Reading Circles. At the Refresher Course held at Vriddhachalam she gave talks on Public Health, Village Improvement, etc., in the Postwar World. Sri V. Nagarajan, Honorary Taluk Organiser, Villupuram, toured for six days and visited three villages and one town. The Taluk Propagandists on the whole visited 318 villages and inspected 101 Reading Circles. Sri A. Karunai, Ballad Master, toured for 26 days, visited 21 villages and 26 schools.

BELLARY (WEST).—Sri A. Subramanyam, the District Organizer, Bellary West, toured for 20 days, visited 12 villages and 5 schools, inspected 4 Reading Circles, addressed 21 public meetings and organised a number of village dramatic troupes in the district. He held the III Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists of Bellary East and West from 19th to 22nd December at Kamalapuram, in Hospet taluk.

Sri L. Srinivasa Rao, the District Kannada Lecturer, toured for 30 days, visited 28 villages, 8 schools and inspected 18 Reading Circles and organised a number of processions and public meetings and entertainments in connection with the National Savings Drive. He met 17 officers during his tours and enquired after the welfare of the soldiers' families. He attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kamalapuram and rendered valuable service as a Judge at the competitions held there. He gave a number of talks to the Taluk Propagandists and the villagers and the dramatic troupes.

The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes Sri K. Venkata Ramayya, attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kamalapuram from 19th to 22nd December and assisted at the classes and the competitions.

Sri Vedi Sri Ramulu, the Honorary District Organiser of Harpanahalli, toured for 17 days, visited 10 villages and 5 schools, and organised 4 dramas. He organised a number of processions and public meetings in connection with the National Savings Drive. He attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kamalapuram, and acted as a Judge at the various competitions.

The Taluk Propagandists of Hospet, Kudligi, Harpanahalli and Hadagalli and Siruguppa, toured on an average more than 21 days in the month and covered 55 Reading Circles and 164 villages. They organized a number of processions, entertainments and public meetings in connection with the National Savings Drive and all of them attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course at Kamalapuram from 19th to 22nd December.

BELLARY EAST.—The month has been eventful in the intensive observance of the programmed National War Front Saving Fortnight during the first half in several centres in the area, the successful conduct of the Combined III Quarterly Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists at Kamalapur in Hospet taluk, on the outskirts of the actual ruins of Hampi (the historical Vijayanagar Empire City), the Marionette display performances by the Song Publicity Telugu Troupe, and the open air and other dramatic entertainments staged at several centres in the district.

The District Organizer Mr. S. R. Vattam spent 11 days on tour. An organised display of posters was arranged among factory workers and several group talks were held on the Savings Campaign and Grow More Food topics.

The District Lecturer Mr. R. Samuel toured 20 days, visited 12 villages, 10 schools, 5 Reading Circles, covered

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Rs. 4·8 lakhs. The total collections up to the end of December 1944 were only 62 per cent of the proportionate quota of Rs. 47·5 lakhs and 52 per cent of the total target for the year.

The amounts invested during the month in the various form of Defence Savings were as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
3 per cent Victory Loan, 1957	14,68,000	0	0
National Savings Certificates ..	4,71,640	0	0
Defence Savings Bank Deposits	6,027	0	0
Collective subscriptions	805	0	0
Prize Bonds	25,459	0	0
Total ..	19,71,922	0	0

The total up to the end of December 1944 was Rs. 29,42,882.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The National Savings fortnight was held in all the taluks in the district. A number of meetings were held by the Revenue subordinates and the National War Front staff and wide propaganda was made. Collections towards National Savings and Defence Savings were intensified.

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In the course of the tour the Hon'ble Lady Hope accompanied His Excellency the Governor on his more important public engagements, met women engaged in war work, and also paid visits to hospitals, educational institutions, Red Cross centres, and institutions providing amenities for troops and working for social uplift.

Public subscriptions totalling Rs. 73,651 were presented to His Excellency for the War Fund in the course of the tour as noted below:—

	RS.	
Cuddalore	24,641	including Rs. 12,015 for the Lady Hope's Hospitality for Indian Troops Fund and Rs. 610 for Red Cross.
Kodaikanal and Dindigul.	49,010	including Rs. 5,754 for the Lady Hope's Hospitality for Indian Troops Fund.

Tour of the Director of War Publicity

Captain G. T. B. Harvey, the Director of War Publicity and the Provincial Organizer of the National War Front, visited Trichinopoly, Srirangam, Dindigul and Palni.

altogether 392 miles, addressed 14 meetings with an average attendance of 1,000 people, displayed 180 posters and distributed about 2,000 leaflets.

Sri K. Venkataramiah, Additional Lecturer for the Scheduled Classes toured in the district for 11 days, visiting 6 villages and 2 Reading Circles. He mainly dwelt on the Savings Scheme. Mr. S. Abdul Razakh Sahib, Lecturer for Muslims, toured for a day in the district.

Vidwan Karibasava Sastry, toured for 18 days, visiting 16 places, 13 Reading Circles, 18 schools, and addressed 6 meetings, and held 15 pial talks. He contacted 19 soldiers' families, displayed 70 posters, and distributed 150 leaflets. Mr. D. L. N. Moorthy toured 21 days, visited 11 villages, attended 6 meetings. He taught war ballads in all the schools visited and at Kamalapur during the Refresher Course he taught ballads to the Taluk Propagandists. Railway Propagandist M. S. Mahboob Sahib did war propaganda in railway trains between Guntakal and Bellary displaying posters and distributing leaflets.

CHINGLEPUT.—The District Organizer, Rao Sahib T. S. Nataraja Pillai returned from leave and resumed charges of the office on 7th December 1944. He was on tour for 10 days and visited four taluks. Mr. Sivakumaran, the District Lecturer, toured for 15 days, visited 13 places and delivered 11 lectures. He was on leave for 9 days in the month. Mrs. Philip, the senior Lady Lecturer toured for 18 days, visited 14 villages and addressed 16 meetings, four of which were exclusively for women. She distributed some posters and arranged a blood donation at Sriperambudur when 17 persons donated their blood. The Junior Lady Lecturer, Miss Karunakara toured for 20 days, visited 15 villages, addressed 18 meetings, three of which were in Telugu and inspected 12 Reading Circles. She also addressed 2 meetings exclusively of women, gave talks to the pupils of 5 schools and distributed some posters. Mr. Parameswaram, the Additional Lecturer for scheduled castes toured for 12 days in this district, visited 10 villages and addressed 10 meetings. Mr. Shaik Abdur Khader, the additional lecturer for Muslims toured for 2 days in this district and addressed a meeting of the Taluk Propagandists at Sriperambudur.

Mr. T. Shanmugam Pillai, the Divisional Organizer for Saidapet, Sriperambudur and Ponneri attended two meetings at Sriperambudur during the Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists. He also presided over two meetings and attended the meetings addressed by the Defence Loans Commissioner. Mr. Srinivasalu Chetti, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Sriperumbudur, toured for 19 days, visited 15 villages, addressed 12 meetings and inspected 9 reading cirles. Mr. T. Christian, the Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tiruvallur, toured for 7 days and delivered 7 lectures. Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Chingleput, visited 3 villages and delivered three lectures. He also helped the Tahsildar, Chingleput, for 4 days in making house-to-house collections for War Fund. Mr. Anantachari, Honorary Organizer, Conjeeveram, visited 5 villages and addressed 8 meetings. Mr. S. N. Sankaranagalingam, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Madurantakam, addressed 8 meetings.

Mr. G. Krishnamurthy addressed three meetings at Cinema houses and addressed 5 other meetings. He presided over a meeting at Villivakkam when Mr. Gnanaprakasam, District Labour Officer was present and gave a lecture. Mr. M. P. Srinivasa Rao addressed 12 lectures, some at Cinema houses, and others at Labour Colony, Market Places, School Compounds and village maidans. Mr. B. Bonnel delivered six lectures, two of them were delivered in cinema houses and the rest at public meetings.

The Taluk Propagandists toured sufficiently, visited 182 villages, inspected 68 reading circles, distributed 1,050 posters and held 138 meetings. Mr. Natarajan, Taluk Propagandist, Saidapet, who had resigned his post attended the Refresher Course held at Sriperambudur between 19th and 22nd December 1944.

Mr. Kachapalayam, the ballad master, toured for 22 days, visited 19 schools, taught war songs at two training centres of the village guards and sang war songs at meetings.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer toured for 22 days, visited 7 villages and addressed 10 public meetings; the District Lecturer toured for 25 days, visited 22 villages and addressed 21 meetings; Miss K. L. Ross, Lady Lecturer, Chittoor, toured for 22 days, visited 13 villages, addressed 13 meetings and visited 12 families of soldiers; Mrs. Sarojini Nayudu, Lady Lecturer, Madanapalle, toured for 22 days, visited 11 villages and addressed 8 public meetings; the Lecturer for Muslims toured for 4 days, visited 3 villages, addressed 5 meetings and inspected 2 reading circles; the Honorary Divisional Organizer, Chittoor, toured for 6 days, visited 6 villages and addressed 6 meetings. The Taluk Propagandists in all visited 308 villages and addressed about 100 public meetings. The ballad master taught war songs to school children and sang war songs at public meetings.

COIMBATORE.—The District Organizer Mr. R. T. Naidu, toured for 21 days visiting 18 villages in four taluks and sub-taluks and addressed 9 meetings. The District Lecturer Mr. A. Sithian, toured for 18 days, visited 21 places, addressed 23 public meetings and checked 12 reading circles. Mr. Syed Shah Ghouse Mohideen, Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 4 days, visited 4 places, checked 1 reading circle and addressed 2 meetings. The Lady Lecturer Miss Manickam toured for 23 days, visited 18 places, checked 13 Reading circles and addressed 16 meetings. The Lady Lecturer Mrs. R. Ranganayaki Ammal toured for 19 days, visited 14 places, checked 3 reading circles and addressed 12 meetings.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Tirupur, Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai addressed 3 meetings in connexion with Savings fortnight. Among other Honorary Divisional Organizers. Messrs. Rao Sahib K. Nanjundiah and E. M. Annamalai Pillai did appreciable work in making the savings drive a success in this district.

The Ballad Master Mr. N. E. Balaguru toured for 15 days, and visited 15 places in the first fortnight and taught war songs.

The Taluk Propagandists toured in their respective taluks and sub-taluks and did propaganda in connexion with savings fortnight. They have together addressed about 219 meetings and checked about 136 Reading Circles.

The III Quarterly Refresher Class for the Taluk Propagandists of this district was held at Dharapuram between 20th and 23rd December 1944.

CUDDAPAH.—The several war pamphlets and publicity material received from time to time were distributed to the village officers and reading circles in the district for publicity and information. The officers of Revenue, Agricultural and National War Front departments supervised the working of the reading circles during their tours. The Agricultural Officers did propaganda work under "Grow More Food and Vegetables" campaign and explained to the ryots during their tours the various concessions given by the Government for an increased production of food stuffs.

EAST GODAVARI.—As the District Organizer was on leave from 26th November to 4th December 1944 both days inclusive, the District Lecturer was in charge. The District Organizer took charge on 5th December 1944; he visited 4 major taluks namely Cocanada, Ramachandrapuram, Pithapuram and Peddapuram.

The District Organizer-in-charge toured for 4 days, visited 3 villages and convened 3 meetings. The District Organizer was on tour for 10 days and visited 18 villages. The District Lecturer toured for 20 days in 4 taluks, visited 20 soldiers' families; inspected 19 reading circles and 20 poster sites and visited 12 schools. He visited 25 villages and convened 25 meetings. He met the Inspecting Officer near Gollapalem. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 5 days, visited Cocanada, conducted 2 meetings and gave 10 talks, visited 2 schools. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled classes toured for 7 days, visited 8 villages, addressed 6 meetings. He visited the taluks of Rajahmundry and Amalapur and the sub-taluk of Kothapeta. The Lady Lecturer No. I toured for 27 days and No. II Lady Lecturer for 25 days and visited 23 villages. They visited 12 Reading Circles, and 8 Women's Reading Circles were opened by them during the month. They visited 9 soldiers' families and 23 schools. They toured in 4 taluks of Cocanada, Ramachandrapuram, Tuni and Razole. They held 26 public meetings besides the house-to-house propaganda.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Peddapur, addressed two meetings presided over by the District Munsif, Peddapur and the Diwan of Katravulapally. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bhadrachalam, purchased postal Defence Savings Certificates to the tune of Rs. 3,000 and the Honorary Taluk Organizer, Razole, purchased 5 post office National Savings Certificates amounting to Rs. 50 during the special fortnight. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bhadrachalam, toured for 7 days at Bhadrachalam, Dummagudem, Kunavaram and Waddigudem. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Ramachandrapuram, toured along with the Taluk Tahsildar in Pasalapudi, Rayavaram, Biccavole and several other villages. One Mr. N. Lazarus of Korukonda held propaganda meetings.

All the Taluk propagandists toured sufficiently. On the average every propagandist toured for not less than 21 days in the month and visited not less than 25 villages on the average. They visited 411 villages, 129 schools, 199 Reading Circles, 154 Soldiers' Families and held 81 public meetings and gave a good number of pial talks.

The Ballad Master toured for 20 days and visited 14 villages and sang songs in 14 places visited by him. He taught school children National War Front Songs in all the villages visited by him and he toured in 4 taluks during the month. He attended the Students' Holiday camp at Pithapuram.

GUNTUR.—The District Organizer was on tour for 23 days; and addressed 11 public meetings. He arranged for and attended most of the special day celebrations of the Savings Drive at all the taluk and sub-taluk headquarters in the district. The District Organizer also organized and conducted the Refresher Course for the National War Front staff of the district and a training class for the Security Instructors during the month. He participated in the activities of the District Food Council and the Anti-Hoarding and Profiteering Committee. The Revenue Divisional Officers of Tenali, Narasaraopet, Guntur and the Sub-Collector, Ongole, presided over the special meetings in their respective divisions. The District Lecturer was on tour for 21 days and conducted nine meetings. He visited 4 reading circles.

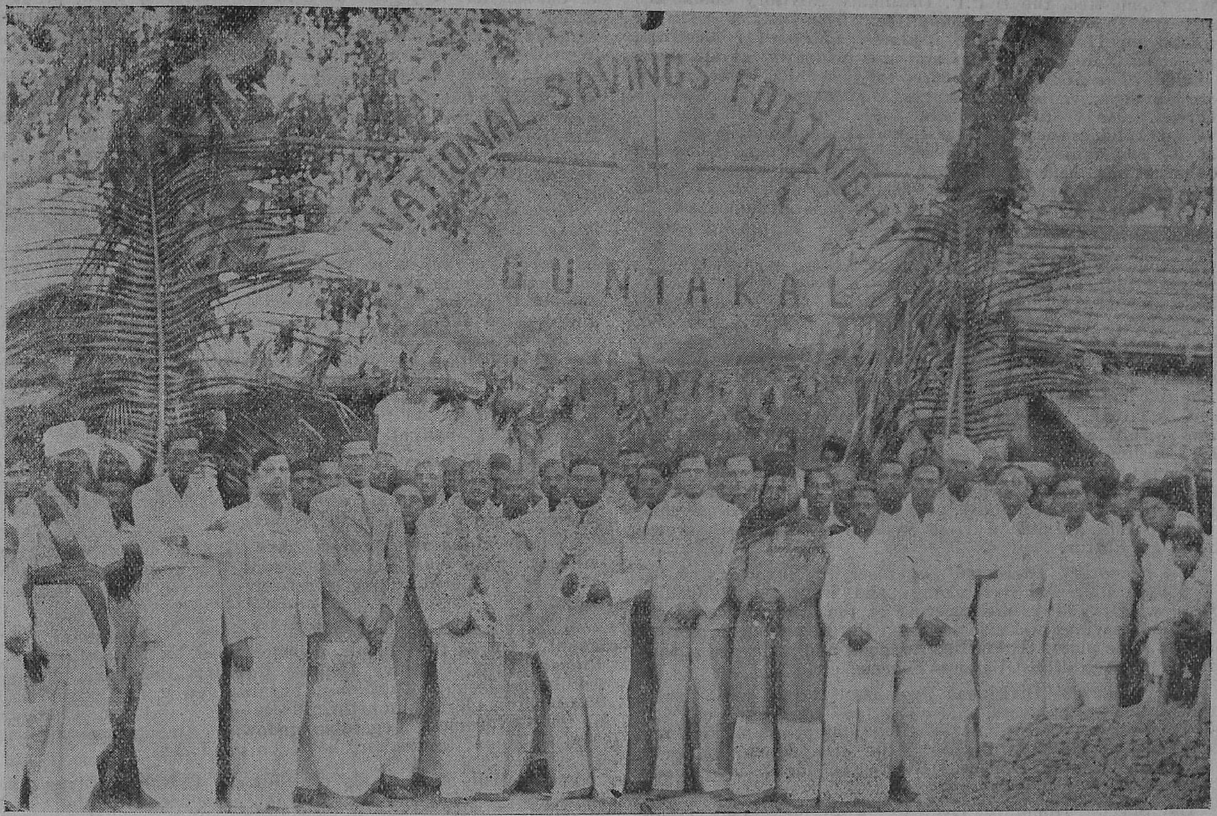


Photo taken on the occasion of the National Savings Fortnight at Guntakal.

The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes was on tour for 22 days during the month. He participated in the programmes of 18 public meetings. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims was on tour for 22 days and visited 2 Reading Circles. He addressed 9 public meetings and conducted 7 group talks.

The Lady Lecturer was on tour for 20 days, visited 10 places, inspected 6 Reading Circles and delivered 6 lectures, and had 25 group talks amongst women.

The Honorary Divisional Organizers of Narasaraopet and Ongole participated in the Special Day Celebration programmes in their divisions. The Taluk Propagandists rallied very satisfactorily to meet the demands of the work during the month, especially during the Savings Drive; they got up attractive programme for the Savings Drive which had effective results. They attended the Refresher Course at Bapatla. They conducted 103 public meetings and 120 group talks.

All literature and posters received in general and specially in connection with the Savings Drive were given effective distribution all over the district with the co-operation of the Revenue Officials and the staff of the National War Front.

A total number of 198 public meetings was conducted during the month throughout the district under the leadership of the National War Front, with the kind co-operation of local officials and non-officials. In the programme of these public meetings 70 voluntary speakers throughout the district participated.

KISTNA.—The District Organizer, Sri A. Raghavareddi, toured for 12 days during the month. He visited 12 villages and delivered 8 lectures. He conducted the inauguration meetings of the National Savings Fortnight on 1st December 1944 at the Municipal High School, Bezwada, which was presided over by the Subordinate Judge, Bezwada. He attended the National Savings Fortnight meeting held at Masulipatam under the presidency of the Collector, Kistna. He was transferred as Deputy Inspector of Local Boards, Bezwada, and he handed over charge to the District Lecturer Sri B. V. Narayanadev on 23rd December 1944. The District Lecturer Sri B. V. Narayanadev toured for 20 days, visited 25 villages, and inspected 15 reading circles. He addressed 20 public meetings.

The Lady Lecturer, Masulipatam, Mrs. L. Prakasarao toured for 15 days, visited 8 villages and held 14 meetings. She prepared a play on National Savings Scheme. She got the drama enacted by the girls of the schools she visited. She devoted her special attention to make the fortnight a success. She conducted a public meeting on 15th December 1944 in the Lady Ampthill's Girls' High School, Masulipatam, when Mrs. Chander, wife of District Judge, presided. She used the magic lantern in all the meetings she conducted.

The other lady lecturer, Bezwada, Miss K. Kamalamani toured for 19 days, visited 9 villages and inspected 4 Reading Circles. She inspected 4 schools and held 10 meetings. She did house-to-house propaganda in 50 houses. She distributed the National Savings Fortnight pamphlets and explained the women the need of saving and distributed the National Savings posters.

The Honorary Organizer, Gudivada, toured Bhujabalapatnam, Kalidindi and Gudlavalleru in connexion with the small savings campaign and did intensive propaganda. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Jaggayyapeta, Sri V. Purushottam, toured for 7 days, visited 2 Reading Circles and delivered 6 lectures.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Nandigama, toured for 3 days and visited 3 villages. He held a special meeting for the High School staff to popularise the National Savings Scheme. He took part in a procession organized in connection with the National Savings Fortnight, at Nandigama and presided over the public meeting. He inspected the Reading Circle at Nandigama along with the District Lecturer.

The Taluk Propagandists toured for the required number of days during the month. They visited 227 villages and inspected 200 reading circles. They carried on intensive propaganda on National Savings Scheme.

The Ballad Master, M. Thamirajulu, toured for 19 days, visited 16 villages. He toured along with the District Lecturer for doing propaganda.

The Muslim lecturer toured for 4 days in this district during this month.

KURNOOL.—The Revenue Officials and the personnel of the National War Front carried on intensive propaganda for war effort. War Pamphlets and publicity material received from time to time were distributed to the village Reading Circles. Wide publicity about the aims and objects of the National Savings Movement was given in all villages.

The District Organizer addressed 15 public meetings during the month while the lady lecturer and the lecturer for Scheduled classes addressed 6 meetings each. The lecturer for Muslims also addressed 3 meetings. The Taluk Propagandists visited 379 villages and 245 Reading Circles. The Ballad Master toured for 17 days and visited 12 villages.

The Revenue Officials held 52 propaganda meetings in all, during their visit to the villages during the month.

SOUTH KANARA.—The District Organizer toured for 12 days, visited 16 places, addressed 11 meetings and inspected 14 Reading Circles. He also presided over the School Day of the Christian High School, Udipi, where he made relevant and special references to war and war effort. While at Headquarters, the District Organizer attended meetings of the propaganda and recruitment sub-committees of the District

War Committee, the H.P.P. Ordinance Advisory Committee and the Defence Loans Committee. The District Lecturer toured for 11 days, visited 9 places, addressed 7 meetings, inspected 3 Reading Circles and also held talks at all places visited. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes toured for 16 days, visited 19 villages, and inspected 3 Reading Circles. He visited 9 schools, 1 Harijan Boarding and 8 labour colonies besides several houses of promient persons of the community. He also attended 8 meetings, addressed 6 gatherings, held 21 informal talks and did house-to-house propaganda in several places. The Lady District Lecturer toured for 14 days, visited 9 places, and addressed 10 gatherings. During the tour apart from addressing public meetings, she visited many houses and held talks about war and war efforts. She met the A.T.R.O., W.A.C. (I), who was on tour to South Kanara and assisted her in recruitment for W.A.C. (I). She also visited girls' schools and constituted one new Reading Circle for Women. The 2nd Lady Lecturer toured for 14 days, visited 9 villages and inspected 5 Reading Circles, including 1 women's Reading Circle. She addressed 7 meetings and also visited 7 schools. She did house-to-house propaganda also. She met Mrs. Massey, A.T.R.O., W.A.C. (I), and received instructions as to the recruitment for W.A.C. (I). The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 16 days, visited 11 places, held 4 meetings, inspected 1 reading circle and gave 3 talks. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Puttur, visited 2 places and held talks with prominent persons about the savings campaign. The National Savings week was celebrated successfully at Puttur.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Coondapoor, visited 4 places, addressed 3 meetings, and inspected 3 Reading Circles. He addressed a meeting at the Taluk office on the National Savings and also attended the Recruitment meeting at the same place. He visited 3 schools and addressed gatherings on the National Savings Scheme, etc.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Udipi and Karkal taluks, visited 8 places, addressed four meetings and held 5 group talks on National Savings and other matters and inspected 3 Reading Circles. He also co-operated with Assistant C.O.S.S. Scheme. He toured for 9 days during the month.

The Special Honorary Lecturer, Kasaragod, took active part during the National Savings Fortnight and induced the temple Trustee at Agalpady Matam to invest Rs. 500 in Victory Loans. He addressed 3 meetings and co-operated actively in furthering war efforts. The Honorary Lecturer, Karkal, visited 3 places and addressed meetings.

The voluntary speakers Messrs. A. Ramachandra Hegde, U. Supiabba (Mangalore taluk), K. V. Kamath (Kasaragod taluk), Srivappa Hegde and K. Nagappayya (Udipi taluk), S. Rama Kamath and K. Narayana Hegde (Karkala taluk) did propaganda satisfactorily in their respective jurisdictions and visited 13 Reading Circles.

All Taluk Propagandists did commendable work during the National Savings Drive Fortnight by addressing meetings, co-operating suitably with the Revenue and other Departments in making the Drive a success and by doing intensive propaganda for the campaign. As usual they co-operated with Recruiting Officers in their work and enlisted recruits for the several branches of Defence Services.

The Tahsildar, Udipi, addressed propaganda meetings in the course of his tour in the taluk. He reported that 45 recruits have been registered for war service in the month of December.

The Deputy Tahsildar, Belathangady, held talks and meetings in 3 villages of the Sub-Taluk. The National Savings Day was celebrated at the Sub-Taluk headquarters on the 15th of the month. A sum of Rs. 10,620 towards cash certificates, Rs. 200 towards the Defence Loans and Rs. 10 for the collective subscriptions scheme were collected during the month.

The members of staff at the coconut stations Nileshwar II and III, Kasaragod and Pilicode contributed the following amounts during the month:—

	RS.
(1) Purchase of Defence Savings stamps ...	2
(2) Subscription towards Defence Savings Provident Fund	30
Total ...	32

The Ballad Master toured for 14 days, visited 9 places, and many schools. He taught war songs to the school children.

MALABAR.—The District Organizer, National War Front, toured three taluks during the nine days he was on tour and addressed one meeting. He was absent from the district from 30th November to 20th December as he was one of the Delegates appointed by the Government to visit Technical Training Centres and Sri M. Sankaran Nair, Deputy Organizer, Gudalur, was officiating as District Organizer. The Senior District Lecturer addressed 15 meetings and the Junior District Lecturer 12 meetings. The Lady Lecturers visited 34 houses and gave talks and addressed 7 meetings. Rao Sahib T. C. Karunakaran, Honorary Divisional Organizer of Calicut, did very good work in the matter of wheat propaganda and in holding of the propaganda camp and Exhibition at Kizhur. Mr. I. C. V. Naidu, Taluk Organizer, Wynad, was responsible for organizing all meetings in Wynad.

Janab C. K. Abdul Kadir, Vidwan Surian Ezhuthachan and Sri T. Chathu were the voluntary speakers who took part in the Propaganda camp and Exhibition. The Taluk Propagandists visited 314 villages and addressed 248 meetings. They gave 86 talks and inspected 187 Reading Circles during this month.

THE NILGIRIS.—The first fortnight was the very busy part of the month for the personnel of the National War Front. Not only was there the national savings campaign but also the third quarterly refresher course which was conducted during this part of the month. Mr. M. Halayya, Deputy Organizer, National War Front, toured for 23 days and covered almost all the important places and institutions of the district. In the course of the 23 days spent on tour, the Deputy Organizer delivered 24 lectures, apart from many informal talks. The Deputy Organizer also checked 8 reading circles. Apart from the above he has visited a good many families of soldiers. He provided amenities to troops by arranging football matches.

The five Honorary Organizers delivered 13 lectures in all. Special mention must be made of Mr. C. Govindan, Honorary Organizer, Ootacamund, who spared no pains to make the National Savings Fortnight a success.

The five voluntary speakers gave 21 talks in all mostly in villages. They checked a few reading circles. Some of them attended the third quarterly refresher course held at Ootacamund.

Many officials and non-officials helped the National War Front. Among the officials, mention must be made of Messrs. Raman Nair, Treasury Deputy Collector, Sankara Ayyar, Additional Deputy Tahsildar; Thomas, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer; Krishnamurthi, Postmaster; and Mr. Chettiar of the Government Vegetable godown. Among non-officials, Mr. Giriappa, contractor, helped a good deal.

The Ballad Master was on tour in Gudalur during the first week of the month. But later he attended the third quarterly refresher course and also toured a good portion of the district.

The five Taluk Propagandists toured 107 villages and delivered 107 lectures. They checked about 40 reading circles. All of them attended the third quarterly refresher course at Ootacamund.

SALEM.—Sri S. Nityanandam, District Organizer, Salem, was on tour for 26 days in connexion with the National War Front work in general and national savings drive in particular and addressed 27 public meetings. He also paid visits to 2 villages under the security scheme and supervised the work of the security instructor and gave instructions to the village guards. Sri R. Balakrishna Mudaliar, District Lecturer, toured for 22 days, visited 24 villages and 8 reading circles. He addressed 24 war propaganda meetings. He also toured with the propaganda van in Trichengode taluk. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured in Salem district for 4 days and addressed 4 meetings in 4 places of the district. Sri P. Ratnaswami Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Salem, Sri R. Chenni Chettiar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Harur, Sri V. T. Ramaswami Ayyar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tiruchengode, Sri O. A. Nanjappa, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Omalur, Sri V. Nainan, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Rasipur, Sri D. Krishnamurthy, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Krishnagiri, Sri K. S. Moorthy, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Hosur, and Sri M. N. Nanja Chettiar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Dharmapuri, have addressed 2, 8, 18, 7, 7, 3 and 6 public meetings respectively during the month.

The Taluk Propagandists of the district visited more than 500 villages in all and carried on war propaganda by holding public meetings and conducting pial talks.

TANJORE.—The District Organizer, Sri S. Swayamprakasam, toured for 20 days and visited 7 villages and 3 towns in 5 taluks and 4 sub-taluks. He addressed 9 well attended public meetings and had 4 informal talks with officials about national savings drive and with Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer about recruitment. He visited two schools at Kodavasal and addressed the students and teachers about the "Security Education," "War Events and Small Savings." At Tiruvidamaruthur, he had a conference with the merchants and non-officials and explained to them the importance of "National Savings." He supervised the work of the Taluk Propagandists of Kodavasal and Tiruvidamaruthur and inspected the site proposed for Hope Culturl Centre at Vallam. He conducted the third quarterly refresher course for the Taluk Propagandists at Pattukkottai held from 19th to 22nd December 1944 and delivered lectures to the Taluk Propagandists. He addressed the village headmen undergoing training.

The District Lecturer, Sri M. Subramaniam toured for 25 days in the taluks of Shiyali, Kumbakonam and Papanasam visiting 17 villages and 3 towns. He inspected 10 Reading Circles and visited 4 schools and 1 girls' school. He addressed 16 big meetings and 13 small gatherings in the villages. He translated the speeches of Mr. M. Ananthanarayanan, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, Tanjore, on

December 1944 at Tanjore and on the 21st December 1944 at Pattukottai. He attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists at Pattukottai from the 19th to 22nd December 1944, and delivered two lectures to the Taluk Propagandists on the International Monetary Plan and the Problem of Security. Besides these, he gave talks to the school pupils and held conversations with merchant community at Aduthurai. He also addressed the Municipal Teachers' Conference at Kumbakonam.

Sri K. Santhanaswami Peter toured in this district for 10 days visiting 7 villages. He inspected 2 Reading Circles. He addressed 5 public meetings and had one informal talk. He also attended the Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists at Pattukottai from 19th to 22nd December 1944.

Sri V. Veeraswami, the Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, toured in this district for 10 days visiting 8 villages; inspected 3 Reading Circles; addressed 10 public meetings and visited 4 Higher Elementary Schools. On 21st December 1944, he delivered a lecture to the Taluk Propagandists on "Propaganda and the Scheduled Classes" at the Refresher Course at Pattukottai. The additional Lecturer for Muslims Janab K. H. Sheik Abdul Kadar toured in this district for 6 days from 5th to 10th December 1944 visiting 5 villages. He inspected 1 Reading Circle and addressed 5 public meetings and had 5 informal talks. At Ayyampet he went to the Muslim Quarters, visited the Mosque and addressed a group of people about the Savings and its advantages. He visited 2 Board High Schools and addressed the pupils and teachers about the present situation of the war and the duty of the students towards war efforts.

Miss Glory Moses, Lady Lecturer No. 1, toured for 20 days and visited 16 villages. She inspected 3 Reading Circles; visited 4 schools and addressed 21 public meetings of which 9 were of women's meetings. She also attended the Refresher Course at Pattukottai and delivered a lecture to the Taluk Propagandists on "The Monetary Standard." She visited the Agricultural Research Institutes at Pattukottai and Aduthurai. Mrs. A. T. Moorthi, Lady Lecturer No. 2, toured for 21 days visiting 12 villages. She attended 2 public meetings and addressed 13 public meetings of which 6 meetings were purely of womenfolk. She visited 13 schools and spoke to 72 groups of women in the course of her tour. She inspected 7 Men's Reading Circles and 2 Women's Reading Circles. She visited the Maternity and Child-Welfare Centre at Elangadu and spoke to a good gathering of women on the advantages of Australian wheat. She also attended the Refresher Course at Pattukottai and delivered a lecture on "The Union of Nations against Axis Powers."

Sri P. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Negapatam, was on tour for 16 days, visited 8 villages, 4 Reading Circles and 7 soldiers' families. He addressed two meetings, had informal talks with the villagers of four villages and persuaded them to invest their savings in the small savings scheme. He attended the Divisional War Committee meeting on 18th December 1944 and the District War Committee meeting on 21st December 1944. He sent one recruit for the army.

In connexion with the National Savings Fortnight Campaign seven public meetings were held in the important places of the division. The inauguration of the campaign was made by the Sub-Collector, Negapatam, Mr. S. M. Hasan, I.C.S., at Negapatam on 1st December 1944. The District Organizer, Sri S. Swayamprakasam, addressed the meetings in Nannilam and Peralam on the importance of the National Savings.

Sri K. Nataraja Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mannargudi, toured for 15 days visiting 7 villages. He inspected one Reading Circle and attended 2 meetings and also addressed 5 public meetings. On 2nd December 1944 the Savings Fortnight Campaign was inaugurated by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mannargudi at Needamangalam. The Honorary Divisional Organizer spoke on the war and savings movement. He attended the District War Committee meeting on 21st December 1944 at Tanjore. He also attended the Refresher Course at Pattukottai. Sri P. Muthudanapala Chettiyar, B.A., B.L., Honorary Divisional Organizer, Kumbakonam co-operated with the Revenue Officials in the celebration of the National Savings Fortnight Campaign in this division. Public meetings were held in many villages and towns. At the meeting held on 14th December 1944 at the Porter Town Hall, Kumbakonam, the Revenue Divisional Officer Sri S. Thayappa Thevar, B.A., presided. Captain Madiah, Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly, presented a Sanad to Rev. Father Devanesan for his services in the matter of Technical Recruitment. He inspected one Reading Circle.

Sri J. N. Daniel, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Pattukottai took keen interest and made arrangements for the proper conduct of the Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists from 19th to 22nd December 1944 at Pattukottai.

The Honorary Speakers Srimathi Ramamirtam Ammal and V. D. Gnanarethinam addressed public meetings during their tours. Srimathi Ramamirtam Ammal inspected 2 Reading Circles and visited 4 schools.

The Taluk Propagandists, in all 18 in number (2 Taluk Propagandists were on leave) visited 374 villages and inspected 163 Reading Circles, during their tours in the month. They co-operated with the Recruiting Officers and

Photo taken on the occasion of the eve o fthe departure of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser from Bellary. In the group are seen Mr. Fraser, I.C.S., Collector and Mrs. Nora Fraser and A. Subrahmaniam, District Organizer, Bellary West, Mr. S. R. Vattam, District Organizer, Bellary East and Mr. R. Samuel, District Lecturer, Bellary East.

helped them in getting men for the army. They helped the Commercial and Revenue Staff by bringing to the notice of the authorities suspicious cases. They visited the families of the serving soldiers during their tours, rendered help to those families by reporting their needs to the Secretary of the District Soldiers' Board and other Revenue Officials. All the Taluk Propagandists except Mannargudi and Pattukottai, who were on sick-leave, attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course held at Pattukottai from 19th to 22nd December 1944.

Sri K. Govindarajan, Ballad Master, National War Front, Tanjore, toured for 18 days and visited 7 villages. He visited 9 schools and taught war songs to the school children. He attended 2 public meetings and recited war songs. He attended the III Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Pattukottai, taught war songs to the Taluk Propagandists.

The III Quarterly Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists was held at the Victory House, Pattukottai, from 19th to 22nd December 1944. The class was opened by Sri J. N. Daniel, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Pattukottai. In all the 4 days several officials delivered lectures to the Taluk Propagandists regarding the successful carrying out of the propaganda work in their places. The District Organizer, Honorary Divisional Organizers, of Needamangalam and Pattukottai, District Lecturer, and Lady Lecturers were all present throughout the training period. Mr. M. Anantanarayanan, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, West Tanjore, attended the training class on 21st December 1944 at Pattukottai and delivered a lecture on "National Savings."

TRICHINOPOLY.—Well-attended propaganda meeting was held at Karur on 21st December 1944 at the Municipal High School, Karur, when Sir P. T. Rajan, the Regional Leader presided. Mr. Hirudayasawami Reddiyar, M.A., B.L., Professor of Economics, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., District Lecturer, and Sri C. P. Chinnaraj of Vellore addressed the people on the various aspects of the war.

At Kolathur, a special propaganda meeting was arranged on 18th December 1944 when Mr. K. Jamal Mohamad, M.A., B.L., Secretary, Propaganda Sub-Committee, presided. The District Lecturer, Sri M. Natarajan, and the Additional Lecturer for Muslims, Mr. H. Sheik Abdul Kathar were the main speakers and they spoke at length on war and the duties of the villagers.

The Officers and the staff of the National War Front carried on intensive and useful propaganda during the month. During the National Savings Fortnight, they carried a vigorous campaign and did special propaganda among the people on the National Savings Scheme. The District Lecturer, Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., visited Andanallur on 9th December 1944 and Thiruverambur on 10th December 1944 along with the Tahsildar of Trichinopoly and addressed the villagers on the National Savings. He addressed propaganda meetings at Kolathur, Srirangam, Karur, Kilakalkandarkottai and Vengankudi. Mr. H. Sheik Abdul Kathar, Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 5 days in this district and carried on propaganda. Sri Veeraswami, B.A., Lecturer for Scheduled Castes, visited 8 villages and addressed propaganda meetings, Sri K. Santhanaswami Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars, Maravars, etc., visited 10 villages and addressed 9 propaganda meetings in this district. Miss M. C. Kokilabai, Lady Lecturer, visited 7 villages in Manaparai and Trichinopoly taluks and addressed 6 public meetings.

Sri K. Muthuramalingam, Advocate and Divisional Organizer, Karur, organized public meetings at Vangal on 10th December 1944 and at Karur on 8th December 1944. He also participated in the propaganda meeting held on 21st December 1944 at Karur. Sri N. S. Ramanarasu Ayyar, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Ariyalur, visited Gangaikondapuram, Nelliatope, Kanganur, Kollapuram, Muthusevai Madam, Elayaperumalnallur and did propaganda work. Sri S. Chellappa, Voluntary Speaker, Lalgudi, addressed 8 propaganda meetings in his taluk and visited 3 Reading Circles. Mr. Sowrimuthu Pillai, Voluntary Speaker, Musiri, visited 5 villages in his taluk and addressed 5 public meetings. He inspected 2 Reading Circles.

The Taluk Propagandists in all visited 219 villages. The District Ballad Master Sri O. V. Narayanaswami visited a number of villages and schools in this district instructing boys and girls on war ballads and singing war songs on propaganda meetings.

The Tahsildars of Trichinopoly held 29 meetings in all important villages. The Tahsildars of Karur held 18 propaganda meetings, the Tahsildar of Kulittalai 12 and the Deputy Tahsildar of Manaparai, 6.

Propaganda meetings were held in several villages in Ariyalur division. The Deputy Tahsildar of Ariyalur held 11 propaganda meetings in his taluk. Sri V. G. Janakiraman, B.A., inaugurated at Ariyalur on 4th December 1944 the National Savings Fortnight and explained to the audience the advantages of the National Savings. He held similar war propaganda meetings at Udayarpalaiyam, T. Palur, Nakkaselam, Bommanappadi and Chatramanai. He inspected the Reading Circles at Udayarpalaiyam.

The inspecting officers of the Educational department in this district addressed a large number of public meetings. The Educational Officer and his Personal Assistant visited a number of schools during their tour in this district and addressed students on Recruitment to the various technical departments in the army. The staff of the Agricultural department held 50 propaganda meetings on war efforts and advised the ryots against hoarding and profiteering. The Officers of the Veterinary and Registration departments visited a number of Reading Circles in different taluks in this district and during their inspection of Reading Circles addressed the villagers on the various aspects of the war.

TINNEVELLY.—Week-end propaganda and recruitment drive meetings were held at Mudalur, Pettai, Veeravanallur, Nagalapuram and Kavalkinar, on 2nd, 8th, 16th, 23rd and 30th December 1944, respectively. Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, District Collector, presided over the meetings at Pettai, Veeravanallur and Kavalkinar, Mr. K. M. Rajagopalan, Sub-Collector, Tuticorin, took the chair at Mudalur and Janab Mohideen Batcha Sahib Bahadur, Revenue Divisional Officer, Koilpatti, presided over the meeting at Nagalapuram.

The occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Tinnevelly District Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, Vannarpet, on the 6th December 1944 was made use of by arranging two lectures under the auspices of the National War Front. The Collector presided over the meeting. Mr. K. M. Rajagopalan, I.C.S., Sub-Collector, Tuticorin, gave an interesting lecture on 'Modern Weapons of War' and Sri P. K. Arunachala Gounder spoke on "Rationing in Rural areas."

The Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tinnevelly, Sri P. Rajagopala Ayyar, addressed a public meeting at Sattankulam on 31st December 1944 on topical subjects relating to war. He also spoke on the Savings Movement at the week-end on 9th December 1944.

The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars carried on intensive propaganda in the villages visited by them.

The Officers of the Educational department visited reading circles and conducted propaganda meetings in various villages. A meeting of the public and teachers was organized at Munnirpallam on the 31st December 1944 at which the District Educational Officer, and the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinnevelly, addressed the gatherings.

National War Front Committees were working satisfactorily. The Taluk Honorary Organizer, Srivaikuntam, Mr. V. V. Dhanushkodi Nadar conducted three reading circles. He toured for 4 days and visited 7 villages. The Taluk Honorary Organizer, Nanguneri, toured for 6 days. He made house to house propaganda with the local officers for small savings drive at Nanguneri. He also attended a public meeting at Udangudi. The District Lecturer toured for 23 days, visited 11 villages, attended and addressed 11 meetings. He inspected 5 reading circles. The Lady Lecturer toured for 21 days, visited 15 villages and 6 schools. She addressed and attended 12 meetings. She opened a reading circle for women and conducted 4 reading circles. The Additional Lady Lecturer toured for 24 days, visited 14 villages, attended and addressed 10 public meetings. She formed one reading circle for women, checked 5 reading circles and visited three schools. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 9 days, visited 9 places, addressed 6 public meetings, inspected three reading circles and visited three schools. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled classes toured for 20 days visiting 13 villages in Srivaikuntam, Tinnevelly and Tiruchendur taluks. He addressed 8 public meetings, visited 5 schools and inspected 5 reading circles.

A Refresher Course for the propaganda staff of the National War Front was held at Tiruchendur from the 19th to 22nd December 1944. Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, M.A., B.L., Collector, Tinnevelly, inaugurated the course.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Taluk Officers, Revenue Inspectors and the Taluk Propagandists of Vizianagram division conducted the usual propaganda meetings during their tours and explained to the villagers the present progress of the war and the success achieved so far. The Sub-Collector, Vizianagram, held propaganda meetings in the villages visited by him. A number of war films were screened at Vizianagram and were appreciated by the audience.

The Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors in Narasapatam division held a number of propaganda meetings in the villages during their tours. A meeting of the Narasapatam Sub-Branch Red Cross Society was held on 17th December 1944 and elected a committee for 1944–45. A sum of Rs. 372 was collected.

At a crowded meeting held on 3rd December 1944 at Parvatipur the object of the food-grain procurement scheme was explained and the public exhorted not to hoard up surplus stocks. On 14th December 1944 a magic lantern performance was held in connexion with the National Savings Fortnight. The Sub-Collector, Chicacole, presided over the inauguration meeting of the National Savings Fortnight held at Chicacole. Propaganda meetings were held by the subordinate officers during their tours. Intensive propaganda was carried in connexion with savings campaign and recruitment. A number of war reels were screened in the theatre at Chicacole.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizagapatam, had informal talks with the villagers during his tours. Recruitment to the Army, Navy and Air Force was carried on in all the taluks in the division. Intensive propaganda was carried on against profiteering and hoarding and in favour of savings movement and Grow More Food campaign.

The District Lecturer who was in charge of the office of the District Organizer toured for 24 days, visited 19 villages, inspected 10 Reading Circles and conducted 19 meetings. He attended the meetings of the District War Committee and the Vizagapatam District Distress Relief Committee held in the Collector's office on 12th December 1944. He visited the camps of Civil Pioneer Force at Madhavadhara, and the Labour camps at Simhachalam, Marripalem, Sriharipuram and Vemulavalasa and spoke at all the places. He spoke at the Liaison meeting held at Poodimadaka on 9th December 1944. Two of his meetings were presided over by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizagapatam. He attended the performance by Mr. Ramakumar, in the Cinema Hall at Narasapatam where 3,000 people assembled and appealed to the audience to invest their surplus amounts in National Savings Funds. The Additional Lecturer toured for 17 days, organized 14 meetings, and inspected one reading circle. He toured in 8 taluks. The Second Lecturer toured for 22 days, inspected 9 reading circles and conducted 14 meetings. He toured in 8 taluks. The Lecturer for Muslims toured for 9 days, addressed 4 meetings and had some informal talks. He toured in 6 taluks. The Lady Lecturer (Mrs. T. V. Ramanamma) toured for 15 days, spoke at 8 meetings and inspected 6 reading circles. She organized and attended the meetings addressed by Mrs. Ramaswami at Chicacole and Arasavalli. The Lady Lecturer (Mrs. A. G. Devadas) toured for 21 days, visited 13 places and spoke at 14 meetings. She was also present at the two meetings addressed by Mrs. Ramaswami.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Chicacole, toured for 8 days, conducted 12 meetings, inspected 3 reading circles and 4 ration depots. He toured in two taluks. A "War Corner" was opened by the District Educational Officer, Chicacole, in the M.H. School, Chicacole. The Honorary Organizer presided over the meeting and exhorted the students to make the best use of the room. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Vizianagram, toured for 3 days, visited 2 places, conducted 5 meetings, inspected 2 reading circles, and one ration depot, enquired into 5 military families' welfare and collected 77 books for troops. The books were sent to the Sub-Collector, Vizianagram, with another 23 books collected by the Taluk Propagandists in

his division. He toured in one taluk. He toured for 3 days in Tekkali taluk outside his jurisdiction. There he visited two free kitchens and three villages. He attended the Distress Relief Committee meeting held in the Collector's office on 12th December 1944. He took 30 students from the Senior B.A. class to the Naval Base at Vizagapatam on 19th December 1944. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Salur, toured for 3 days, visited 3 villages, enquired into the welfare of one military family, inspected 3 reading circles and conducted one meeting. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tekkali, toured for 3 days, visited 4 villages, conducted 2 meetings and inspected 2 reading circles. He toured in one taluk.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Narasapatam, toured for 16 days, addressed 14 meetings and inspected 5 reading circles. He toured in 3 taluks. Mr. Ramakumar, a mono-actor gave a performance in the Cinema Hall at Narasapatam on 10th December 1944 in aid of the Christmas Amenities for Services Fund. He appealed to the audience to invest their surplus money in Savings Funds. Over Rs. 7,000 was raised towards the Amenities Fund. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Palakonda, toured for 10 days, addressed 10 meetings, attended 4 dramatic performances organized in aid of Christmas Amenities for Services Fund, inspected 8 reading circles and 20 poster sites, enquired about 50 military families and collected 2 viss of waste paper. He visited 30 villages and toured in 2 taluks. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam, toured for 11 days, inspected 5 reading circles, gave two harikatha performances, addressed 9 meetings, visited 10 villages, inspected 11 ration depots, collected 4 books and enquired about 7 military families. He visited 2 Security Village Guards. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Sompeta, toured for 6 days, visited 6 villages, inspected 2 reading circles and 3 poster sites, conducted 3 meetings and enquired about 10 military families. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Bobbili, toured for 4 days, visited 6 villages and spoke at 4 meetings. He visited one Security Village.

Mrs. P. N. Ramanaswami, Voluntary Speaker, Vizagapatam, toured for 6 days and addressed 4 meetings—one at Parvatipur, two at Chicacole and one at Arasavilli.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 564 villages, inspected 248 reading circles, enquired about 300 military families, visited 190 ration depots, collected 87 books and 1½ viss of waste paper and conducted 240 well-attended meetings. They also visited 5 free kitchens opened for the Burma evacuees in North Vizagapatam district.

The Ballad Singer toured for 25 days, and visited 25 places. He sung war ballads at all the places visited by him. He also entertained the labourers at the Labour camps at Simhachalam, Vemulavalasa, Sriharipuram, Madhavadhara and Marripalem by singing war ballads.

Propaganda Vans

MSC. 6947 '*Tobruk*' (*South Arcot*).—The total mileage covered by the van during the month was 320 for a tour of 21 days. The van visited 14 villages and gave 11 film and 11 magic lantern shows and 9 radio recitals. It was also used in connection with the Refresher Course at Vriddhachalam. The van could not work from the 17th till the end of the month owing to the breakage of the petrol tank which was however replaced immediately by a new one.

MSC. 6946 '*Guadalcanal*' (*North Arcot*).—The van could tour only for about a week during the month on account of breakdown and repairs. The distance travelled by the van was 163 miles and it visited 6 villages giving 4 cinema and 4 magic lantern shows. It was also used at Vellore in connection with the Savings Drive and at Polur for the opening of the Victory Reading Room.

MSC. 671 (*Trichinopoly*).—On the whole the van toured for 19 days only, covering 363 miles during the period. It visited 17 villages and gave 11 magic lantern shows and 18 radio recitals. The services of the van were also requisitioned for work connected with the National Savings fortnight at Trichinopoly on 8th December 1944 and for a special propaganda meeting on 22nd December 1944. The van was made full use of during the annual "Ekadasi" festival at Srirangam on the 23rd and 24th December by exhibiting war reels to a huge crowd.

MSC. 7468 '*Matapan*' (*Salem*).—The van toured for 19 days outside headquarters and in Salem for two days in connection with recruitment drive, etc. The total distance covered by the van was 479 miles. It visited on the whole 30 villages and gave 13 film and 4 magic lantern shows and 30 radio recitals. The van was used for the exhibition of slides and films during the District Tournament and Rural Exhibition held at Salem between the 25th and 28th of the month.

MDM. 651 (*Ramnad*).—The van was held up for want of battery.

MSC. 7537 (*Nilgiris*).—The van toured for 16 days in the Nilgiris division and travelled on the whole 338 miles. It visited 12 villages and gave 10 film and 10 magic lantern shows. In view of the condition of the van, it did not tour in the Gudalur division during the month.

MSC. 7759 (*Coimbatore*).—The van toured for 22 days covering a total distance of 459 miles and visiting 19 villages. It gave 19 film and 7 magic lantern shows and 29 radio recitals. It was extensively used for the Savings drive.

MSC. 7162 '*Teheran*' (*South Kanara*).—The van toured only for 5 days during the month, since the programme had to be cancelled during the first fortnight for want of tyres. The total distance covered by the van during the 5 days of its tour was 186 miles. It visited 3 Taluk and 1 Sub-taluk Headquarters and gave 4 cinema and 4 magic lantern shows and 4 radio recitals. It was mainly used in connection with the saving drive fortnight.

MSC. 6983 '*Alamein*' (*Vizagapatam*).—For a tour of 18 days the van covered a distance of 657 miles. It gave exhibition of war shorts and magic lantern slides on 7 occasions, 15 radio recitals and visited 15 villages. It was also made use of in connection with Christmas Amenities for services.

MSC. 7704 (*Anantapur*).—The van toured only for 9 days during the month and covered a total distance of 317 miles. It visited 8 villages and gave 8 cinema and 4 magic lantern shows. It was also used for screening the pictures in connection with the Savings drive.

MSC. 7665 (*Bellary*).—The van toured for 24 days and covered a total distance of 446 miles. It visited 26 villages, gave 21 cinema and 18 magic lantern shows. There were also 24-day programmes arranged with the help of the van. It gave a total of 66 radio recitals.

MSC. 7760 (*Kurnool*).—The van travelled 658 miles for a tour of 15 days and visited 14 villages. It gave 16 cinema shows and no magic lantern shows. The newly supplied radio set was not yet fitted in the van.

MSC. 6985 (*Kistna*).—The van did not tour during the month for want of tyres and batteries.

MSC. 6984 '*Orel*' (*Nellore*).—The van was under repair for a greater part of the month and so toured only for 5 days covering a total distance of 348 miles and visiting 5 villages. It gave 4 film shows and 2 radio recitals daily at each of the places visited by it.

MSC. 7713 (*East Godavari*).—The total distance covered by the van during the month was 131 miles. It visited about 10 places and gave 8 cinema and 7 magic lantern shows and 10 radio recitals.

MSC. 7161 '*Stalingrad*' (*Cuddapah*).—The total number of days toured during the month by the van was 18 for a distance of 466 miles. It visited 15 villages and gave 16 film shows and 15 radio recitals.

MSC. 3438 '*Tunisia*' (*Chingleput*).—The van toured only for 11 days and visited 10 villages. The total distance covered by the van was 289 miles during the month. It gave 6 film shows and 2 radio recitals.

MSC. 7638 (*West Godavari*).—The van toured for 26 days and covered 719 miles in all. It visited 56 villages and gave 19 cinema and 9 magic lantern shows. It was utilized in the whole district for the Savings Fortnight.

MSC. 7536 (*Madras City*).—In addition to its usual programme in the city it was made full use of by the Defence Loans Commissioner in connection with the Savings Drive. The van was also utilised for the Salvage Drive during the first week of the month.

MSC. 736 (*Madras*).—This small van was used for announcement purposes in connection with the Savings and Salvage Drives throughout the city. In addition, it was sent for the entertainment of troops at the Rest and Transit Camps and at the railway stations for the arrival and departure of troops.

MSC. 7629 '*Naples*' (*Guntur*).—The repairs to the van were completed during the month at Madras and it was kept ready for despatch to Guntur after final trial.

MDU. 28 '*Keren*' (*Malabar*).—The total mileage covered by the van during the month was 696. This is the only van fitted with 16 mm. talkie projector and it gave 2 film and 2 magic lantern shows. It visited 16 villages for a tour of 29 days.

MSC. 7677 (*Tanjore*).—The van did not tour during the month owing to the weak condition of the batteries for which application was made to the authorities concerned for the issue of permits.

MSC. 7160 '*Casablanca*' (*Tinnevelly*).—The van visited 32 villages, toured for 20 days, gave 13 cinema and 13 magic lantern shows and 42 radio recitals. The total distance travelled by the van was 444 miles. It was also used in Ambasamudram taluk for the special Recruitment Drive and for the Savings Fortnight in Tinnevelly, Ambasamudram, Srivaikuntam taluks exhibiting Defence Savings Reels 'Save for the future' along with other items of entertainments given by the van.

MSC. 7711 (*Malabar*).—Though no report has yet been received the van has been doing propaganda in the district as usual especially in connection with the drive for the popularisation of wheat.

MSC. 6104 (*Madras*).—This van specially allotted to troops show in addition to its usual programme was also requisitioned for the Savings and Salvage Drives.

War Committees and Depots

The Madras Provincial Propaganda Sub-Committee

There was a meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee on the 11th December 1944, the Chairman, Mr. G. A. Natesan, presiding.

The following leaflets were published:—

(i) Reward for Indian Heroism—More V.C's. of the Indian Army.

(ii) His Excellency the Governor's speech inaugurating the National Savings Fortnight.

The following resolution was passed:—

"The Propaganda Sub-Committee has noted with regret the recent announcement in the papers that the Government proposed to abolish the Cadet School at Adyar. The Committee feels strongly that the School has been fulfilling a very useful function and therefore urges its continuance at least for the duration of the war."

Monthly reports received from Presidents of District War Committees regarding propaganda activities in the various districts were read and recorded.

The report received from the Director of War Publicity regarding Reading Circles was read and recorded.

Information furnished by the Director of War Publicity regarding the activities of the National War Front, the working of the propaganda vans, slides, films and posters, was placed before the Sub-Committee.

With a view to suit the convenience of members, it was resolved to hold the meetings of the Sub-Committee in future at 11-30 a.m.

MADRAS.—The Propaganda Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met once during December 1944 and transacted routine work, such as, the distribution of war literature among the select reading rooms in the city. As per reports of the members of the sub-committee, to whom these reading rooms were allotted, the literature was made best use of by the public.

CHINGLEPUT.—The meetings of the various sub-committees of the District War Committee—Executive, Publicity and Propaganda, Finance and Recruitment Sub-Committee—were held on 2nd December 1944.

CUDDAPAH.—The District War Executive Committee met on 6th December 1944.

KURNOOL.—A meeting of the District War Committee was held on 22nd December 1944 when subjects relating to small savings scheme and provision of amenities to villages which have done well in recruitment were discussed.

TINNEVELLY.—The District War Committee met on 4th December 1944 under the presidency of Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, District Collector, Tinnevelly. At this meeting he made an appeal to the members for the intensification of the savings movement during the National Savings Fortnight and explained the *modus operandi* to be observed in the matter of house-to-house collections for which a scheme had been drawn up.

TANJORE.—The District War Committee met on 21st December 1944 and discussed among other things ways and means for promoting collections under the savings schemes.

Hospitality for Indian Units

The Indian Hospitality Committee continues the entertaining of 14th Army personnel. The popularity and appreciation of this small effort on their part comes back through the gratitude from those who have returned to the front through themselves or their Officers or through various visitors who return back from the Burma front.

Several troop parties have taken place since the last report. One very enjoyable party was given by Dr. P. Rama Rao at his residence where Her Excellency was present and over 500 troops were entertained and another very delightful 'at home' was given by the Maharaja of Pithapuram at the residence of his son the Rajkumar of Pithapuram at which Their Excellencies, several hundred troops and members of the public were present. A very entertaining and much appreciated dance performance was also given.

There have been several Officers' parties and dinners at His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope Club. These functions are growing in popularity and the demand for them is ever increasing. They are chiefly enjoyed for their informality and the opportunities the Officers get of meeting the civilian population and also a friendly interchange of ideas between the East and West.

A pleasing function was the 'at home' given by Flying Officer, P. V. Raju to Her Excellency and the Lady Hostesses of the Hope Club in appreciation of all their many efforts for the entertainment of officers and men.

Funds for the Committee have been steadily flowing in and it is entirely on the good will and contributions of the districts and individuals that the Committee is able to carry on their work. Her Excellency has received donations from the following districts:—

	RS.
Vellore	30,000
Chittoor	17,000
Cocanada	10,000
South Arcot	12,000

Mr. Vasudevan, one of the Honorary workers in the canteens has also collected donations to the amount of Rs. 3,000. Various other generous donations have come in and a very useful one from the Madras Race Club for over Rs. 8,000.

The Hospitals are being visited regularly. Lady workers go out on Wednesdays to the two Base Hospitals and distribute refreshments and on Fridays they go out with the shop, visit and talk to the patients and distribute literature. The Indian Military Hospital is also visited on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays, the Lady workers of the Indian Hospitality Committee continue their work for diversional therapy and on Fridays refreshments, literature, entertainments and letter-writing are done. Also one of the Lady workers kindly supervises the diet.

Lady Louis Mountbatten during her recent visit saw these ladies at work at both hospitals and thanked them very much for what they were doing.

Their Excellencies have had a number of officers' dances at Government House. These functions are always appreciated and invitations to the same are always looked forward to with enthusiasm.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope Annexe at Moore Pavilion continues to expand and since the last report over a lakh of troops have used the Annexe. His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope Club also is being used much more by Officers and their remarks and thanks of gratitude show how much a club and hostel of this nature is appreciated.

Her Excellency continues to be out with the canteens regularly. Her lead and guide is a great support to the Committee.

Mobile canteens go out 6 times a week in addition to all the other emergency canteens.

Soldiers' Welfare

MADRAS.—On the Christmas Eve sumptuous dinner was given to about a hundred Indian soldiers at the Young Men's Christian Association Hut, Tondiarpet, by Rao Bahadur Albert Jesudasan, City Organizer of the National War Front.

COIMBATORE.—The Allied Troops' Hospitality Committee entertained the British and Indian Troops at the I.O.Rs. Canteen on 30th November 1944.

KURNOOL.—A meeting of the District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Board, Kurnool, was held on 13th December 1944 under the presidency of the Collector. The Assistant Civil Liaison Officer, Bangalore, was also present.

A gathering of soldiers' families was held at Markapur on 24th December 1944. Over 400 persons were fed sumptuously in the afternoon. Towards evening a public meeting was held when speeches were delivered.

SALEM.—The Taluk Soldiers' Board and the Taluk Welfare Committees were working satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—The grievances of the families of soldiers were carefully enquired into and promptly disposed of. Two soldiers' family gatherings were conducted during the month, one at Tirukkatuppalli on 3rd December 1944 and the other at Peralam on 15th December 1944. The families were sumptuously fed on both the occasions.

TRICHINOPOLY.—A gathering of families of soldiers was arranged by the Tahsildar of Trichinopoly on 30th December 1944 under the presidency of Rev. L. G. Grag at the Holy Cross College premises. Tea and light refreshments were served on the occasion. More than 350 ladies and children of soldiers' families attended. Sri S. Veeraswami Pathar, M.A., L.T., Personal Assistant to the District Educational Officer, delivered a speech at the function. Similar gatherings of soldiers were conducted at Karur on 15th December 1944 and at Kulittalai on 30th December 1944.

TINNEVELLY.—The District Soldiers', Sailors, and Airmen's Board and the Taluk Soldiers' Committees were functioning satisfactorily. There were gatherings of soldiers' families at Pettai, Veeravanallur, Nagalapuram and Kavalkinar on 2nd December 1944, 16th December 1944, 23rd December 1944 and 30th December 1944, respectively. The Collector and Mr. Phythian Adams, Civil Liaison Officer were present at the gathering of the soldiers' families at Veeravanallur.

Salvage Collection

TANJORE.—About 20 bags of waste paper were collected at the Taluk Office, Mayavaram, and 12 bags at the Revenue Divisional Officer's office, Mayavaram. A small quantity of waste paper and scrap was collected in Nannilam, Mannargudy and Tiruturaipoondi taluks also.

One hundred and forty-six bullock shoes and 5½ seers of iron road scrappings were collected by Sri T. P. K. Alagiriswami Pillai, S.P.C.A., Tanjore. The bullock shoes were sent to the Sub-Inspector of Police, Tanjore, for payment of reward. Besides these, he collected ½ a bag of waste paper and sent it to the Victory House.

TINNEVELLY.—The collection of waste paper and scrap iron was continued in the month by the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars. A sum of Rs. 204–13–6 has been realized from 1st April 1944 to the end of the month by the sale of waste paper and scrap iron.

Recruitment Activities

MADRAS.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met once during December 1944 and interviewed four candidates and recommended one for Viceroy's Commission.

ANANTAPUR.—The Recruitment work was satisfactory. The Civil assistance rendered to the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers in the district was also good. The total number of recruits sent during the month was 169 of whom 104 were accepted.

ARCOT (SOUTH).—Five men were recruited to the Technical arms of the Defence Services.

CHINGLEPUT.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee met on 2nd December 1944 and interviewed candidates for Emergency Commission.

The total number of persons recruited from the district for service in the various divisions of His Majesty's army was 22 in accordance with the report received from the Technical Recruiting Officer, Pudupet Lines, Madras.

CHITTOOR.—The Recruiting Officer toured as usual in the district and recruited candidates. The Revenue Officials took measures to improve recruitment figures. They sent 19 persons both for the Armed Forces and Labour Units.

COIMBATORE.—Recruitment was done by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Coimbatore and the National War Front Personnel did propaganda in the matter.

CUDDAPAH.—The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars made all possible efforts for recruiting to Military, Civil Pioneer forces and the labour Unit at Gooty. Civil assistance in this month declined owing to revenue pre-occupation with the Defence Savings Drive and the Collector issued a circular drawing attention of Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to the importance of their recruitment work.

WEST GODAVARI.—Sixty-five men were recruited during the month to the various categories of the Army, 516 men were recruited so far to the Madras Civil Labour Units. Intensive efforts were made to recruitment to the Military and Labour Units in larger numbers. Propaganda was carried on among the educated youth to join the Technical Training Scheme.

GUNTUR.—Twenty-two persons were recruited from the District during the month under report to the Technical Recruiting Centre at Bezwada. Twelve persons were sent from the Training centre of the Honorary Lt. Sri P. V. Krishnayya Choudary.

KURNOOL.—Sixty-four residents of Kurnool district were recruited during November 1944.

There were two applicants for Emergency Commission. One was rejected by the Recruitment Sub-Committee and the other candidate was asked to appear for an interview before this committee on 8th January 1945. Twenty-eight recruits have been sent till now for the Madras Civil Labour Units.

MALABAR.—The District Recruitment Sub-Committee met on 6th December 1944. Of the two candidates invited for interview for Emergency Commission, only one appeared and he was selected by the Committee but was found unfit on medical examination. Four candidates were invited for interview as War Technicians but only one appeared. He was rejected on account of low weight. The total number of men recruited in November 1944 in the district was 501.

SALEM.—Intensive propaganda was carried on in this district for recruiting men to the armed forces and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and the other recruiting officers visited all the taluks in this district and the Revenue officials rendered them all possible assistance. The total number of men recruited for the various armed forces for the month of November 1944 was 265.

TANJORE.—The District Selection Committee selected and sent up 4 candidates for War Technicians' courses. All possible assistance was rendered to the Recruiting Officers on tour in the district in the matter of advertising their tours and securing candidates for recruitment.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on 16th December 1944 and recommended candidates for Emergency Commission. The Revenue Officers were assisting Recruitment to a very large extent. The Revenue Divisional Officer of Ariyalur recruited seven men for the army and two for the Madras Labour Force. The Tahsildar of Karur sent up seven recruits to the army and two recruits to the Technical Training. Mr. S. J. James, a member of the District War Committee recruited seven men for the month. The total number of persons recruited by him to the various military units comes to 290 for the whole year, 1944.

A Recruitment party consisting three officers and sixty personnel visited Karur on 21st December 1944 and remained till 23rd December 1944. The party marched through important roads in Karur town and gave good publicity for recruitment of boys for the 3rd Madras Regiment.

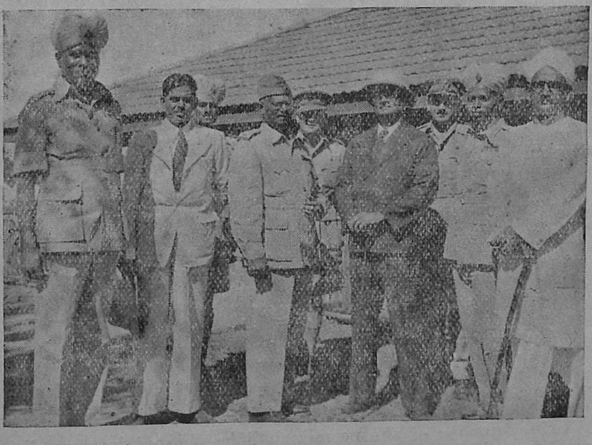
TINNEVELLY.—Captain R. I. M. Duncan, Assistant Recruiting Officer, Trivandrum and Lieutenant P. M. Rabello, Naval Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, visited this district during the month. The District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly and his Personal Assistant, the Tahsildars, and Deputy Tahsildars rendered assistance to them in the matter of recruitment.

One candidate for Emergency Commission was interviewed by the Recruitment Sub-Committee on 29th December 1944 and selected. The number of candidates recruited by the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trivandrum, from this district in November 1944 was 14. The District Selection Committee of the N.S.L.T. selected 5 candidates for Technical Training Scheme on 25th December 1944. The District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly, sent 26 candidates to the various centres under this scheme. The number of recruits sent to the army through the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, during the month was 191. The number of men sent to Madras Labour Units Home Service by Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, was 104 and the number sent to the Madras Labour Unit (Ceylon) Service was 490. In addition 327 men were sent by the officers of the Revenue department to the Madras Labour Force.

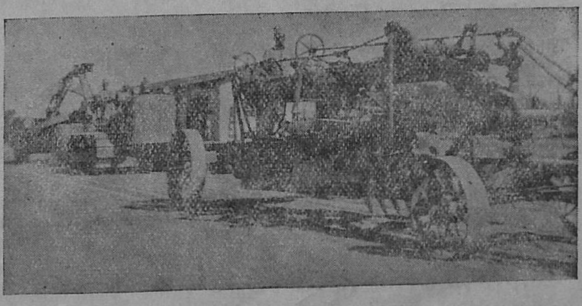
A recruitment drive week was organized in Ambasamudram taluk according to programme drawn up by the committee. Intensive recruitment was carried on by the Officers of the Revenue department and Recruiting staff. The officers of the other departments took special interst in addressing meetings and recruiting men for the Army. During the week 34 men were recruited. The week culminated in a largely attended public meeting at Viravanallur.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Propaganda regarding recruitment to war services was carried on in the district by the Revenue subordinates and the National War Front Staff and recruitment was done by Taluk officers also besides assisting the Recruiting staff in their work.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT DELEGATES VISIT BANGALORE



PROVINCIAL DELEGATES OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT IN A RECENT TOUR SPENT AN INTERESTING DAY WITH THE Q.V.O. MADRAS SAPPERS AND MINERS AT BANGALORE.



SAPPERS GIVING A DEMONSTRATION WITH BULLDOZERS.

Left to right:—HON. LIEUT. MUNISWAMY, RAO SAHIB M. KAILAI ANANDAR (TRICHINOPOLY), SUBEDAR RATNAM, HON. CAPTAIN ANTHONY ROYAPPA SARDAR BAHADUR, O.B.I., MAJOR J. H. PARTRIDGE, RAO BAHADUR KUNHIRAMAN (CALICUT DISTRICT), LIEUT.-COLONEL CAMERON, SUBEDAR SAMPANGIRAJ, I.D.M., I.D.S.M., AND RAO SAHIB P. NARAYANA REDDY (CUDDAPAH DISTRICT).

The Victory Reading Room at Polur, which was declared open on 14th December 1944.

Village Reading Circles

ANANTAPUR.—The Reading Circles were working satisfactorily. The Tahsildars and other touring officers of the Revenue department as well as that of the National War Front watched their progress during their tours.

CHINGLEPUT.—The working of the Reading Circles was supervised by the staff of the National War Front during their tours.

CHITTOOR.—No new circles were opened. The National War Front staff and the District Organizer visited 127 Reading Circles and found them working satisfactorily.

COIMBATORE.—The personnel of the National War Front checked about 200 reading circles in the month of December. The authorities of the Co-operative and Forest departments checked 22 and 10 Reading Circles respectively. On the whole the Reading Circles were working satisfactorily.

EAST GODAVARI.—The District Organizer-in-Charge inspected the Reading Circles at Karapa, Nadakuduru and Patarlagadda and the first two were working satisfactorily. The other circles inspected by the District Organizer with the Inspecting officer in Cocanada and Pithapur taluks were working satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—The Reading Circles inspected by the National War Front staff were working satisfactorily. Detailed instructions were given to the office bearers of the Reading Circles for the proper working of the Reading Circles. "Yudhasanjikai" was supplied weekly to all Reading Circles direct by the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras and copies of "Viduthalai" and "Meshachelvam" were supplied to selected Reading Circles.

There were two Victory Houses in this district, one at Tanjore and the other at Pattukottai. People visited these Victory Houses in large numbers. There were at present 864 Mens' Reading Circles, 43 Womens' Reading Circles and 38 National War Front Committees in this district. Generally all the Reading Circles functioned well. They were inspected by the Revenue and National War Front staff and also by the staff of other Government departments during their tours.

TINNEVELLY.—The Village Reading Circles were working satisfactorily. The District Organizer inspected the Reading Circles at Ayan Pottalpudur and Kila Kadayam in Ambasamudram taluk. The officers of other departments inspected the reading circles as usual.

VIZAGAPATAM.—All the Reading Circles were working satisfactorily. Supply of "Desabhimani" to 300 Reading circles and one Victory House was already ordered.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The District Lecturer inspected the Reading Circles at Andanallur, Thiruverambur, Kolathur and Kilakalkandarkottai. The Muslim Lecturer visited the Reading Circles at Kolathur. The Scheduled Caste Lecturer Sri Veeraswamy inspected 4 reading circles. Miss M. C. Kokilabai, Lady Lecturer, inspected 5 reading circles. Sri K. Santhanaswamy Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars, Maravars, etc., also inspected a good number of reading circles in this district. Sri K. Muthuramalingam, Advocate, Divisional Organizer, Karur; inspected the reading circles at Vangal. Sri N. S. Ramanarasu Ayyar, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Ariyalur, inspected several reading circles in his division. Sir S. Chellappa, Voluntary Speaker, Lalgudy, inspected 3 reading circles. Sri M. Sowrimuthu, Voluntary Speaker, Musiri, inspected 3 reading circles. The Taluk Propagandists in all visited 77 reading circles in this district. Besides, the staff of the Educational, Agricultural, Registration and Veterinary departments visited a large number of reading circles and most of them were reported to be working satisfactorily.

Miscellaneous

Modification of Lighting Restrictions

The Government have decided to modify the lighting restrictions on vehicles in the Madras Civil Defence Area which came into force on 10th March 1942, as follows:—

1. *General.*—A speed limit of 20 miles per hour shall be observed during the hours of half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

2. *Motor vehicles.*—Between the hours of half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise, the head lights or other lights showing to the front and having an electric bulb whose power exceeds 7 watts, of all motor vehicles, shall be screened in the following manner:—

The front glass of the light shall be screened from the top of the glass down to a horizontal line half an inch below the filament of the bulb by an opaque material which permits no light to pass through it. The screening material shall be so fitted that its whole area is in contact with the surface of the glass, either inside or outside. The use of black paint over the glass is permissible if it is completely opaque. The lamps shall be so adjusted that they do not allow any beam of light to be thrown above the horizontal, when the vehicle is standing on a level road.

It should be noted that the revised regulations do *not* require the lower half of the head-lamp reflectors to be blacked as did the previous order. Consequently all blacking on head-lamp reflectors may now be removed.

3. Motor vehicles coming under the Schedule of Special Vehicles shall be differentiated from other vehicles by providing their head-lamps with a circular aperture 1 inch in diameter. This aperture shall be partially obscured to reduce the illumination to that of a side lamp, that is, of a 7-watt bulb seen through two thicknesses of Kraft brown paper. This aperture shall be situated midway between the top and the centre of the lamp.

Permission to use this or other distinguishing mark shall be granted by the Army authorities concerned in the case of military vehicles and by the Director, Civil Defence, Madras, in the case of other vehicles throughout the Madras Civil Defence Area.

The number of the permit shall be painted in some distinctive colour on the front edge of the near front mudguard of the vehicle. The Dimensions of the numerals will be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.

The lighting restrictions on vehicles other than motor vehicles are completely relaxed.

Village Security Scheme

ARCOT (SOUTH).—Sri A. M. Jacob, the Security Officer toured for 21 days inspecting the work of all the Security Instructors in the district. He conducted the Refresher classes for the Security Instructors at Vriddhachalam from 21st December 1944 to 23rd December 1944. In the course of his tour, he emphasized the importance of security education. Special demonstrations and processions of the village guards were held in connexion with the celebration of the Savings Fortnight.

CHINGLEPUT.—The Security Officer was on tour for 20 days and visited 16 centres; 35 centres functioned during the month.

COIMBATORE.—The scheme was working in 40 selected villages of Coimbatore and Palladam taluks. The guards in 32 villages received regular training during the month. Training in almost all the squads have been inproved appreciably and the attendance also was fair. The Security Officer toured for a period of 17 days and inspected 11 squads and the works of 8 instructors. The Hope Cultural Centre at Vellalore was utilized well by the village guards.

EAST GODAVARI.—The Security Officer toured for 13 days in the month and attended the Refresher class at Cocanada from 14th December 1944 to 21st December 1944. He inspected 6 villages.

The District Superintendent of Police addressed the Security Officers on 14th December 1944 with particular reference to the extension of coastal villages scheme in the district. The village guards of Amalapur and Vemavaram took part in the procession organized by the Revenue Divisional Officer during the special National Savings Fortnight. The guards in all other places took very active interest in Cocanada processions.

Katrenikona guards were doing patrol work also. The important feature of the month was the Refresher classes for East and West Godavari and Guntur, Kistna and Vizagapatam District Security Officers at Cocanada for a week and the Security Supervisors of Vizagapatam and Guntur were also present throughout.

TANJORE.—The scheme functioned in 39 villages. The village guards near the coastal area were not only existing the coastal watchers, but they themselves checked the transport of controlled goods. The Security Leaders took interest in the proper working of the scheme. The Security Instructors conducted the training classes regularly. Stick-play Experts accompanied the Security Instructors during their camps and taught " Stepping " and also some exercises in fencing to the guards. The Security Instructor, Velankani, conducted a Route-March more than eight miles with war songs by the village guards of Tiruppoondi. The Security Instructor, Nagore, accompanied the Port Officer and Coastal Sub-Inspector several times along the coast at nights to detected the smuggling cases. The Security Officer toured for 22 days, inspected 10 villages ad visited 3 villages for special purpose. He met the officials of Revenue and Police departments and requested their co-operation, for the successful working of the scheme, in the Security villages. He conducted classes in marching and in saluting drill in all the 10 villages inspected by him. He met Mr. Toorr, the Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. at Vallam and received instructions from him, regarding the security of the aerodrome. A display of village guards of Tirukkattupalli village was conducted on 3rd December 1944 on the occasion of the Soldiers' Family Gathering.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Refresher class for the Security Instructors of this district was held at Vizagapatam from 29th November 1944 to 3rd December 1944 both days inclusive. The class was conducted under the supervision of the Security Supervisor and the two Security Officers.

A Refresher class for the Security Officers of the Telugu districts was held at Cocanada from 14th December 1944 to 21st December 1944, both days inclusive. The Additional Security Officer was in full attendance of the class. The Security Officer attended the class from the 17th December 1944.

A liaison meeting between the 5th Indian Coast Battery and the Village Guards of Poodimadaka was conducted at Poodimadaka on 9th December 1944. The District Lecturer, the Security Supervisor and the Security Officer were present and they also spoke on the importance of liaison meetings between the military and the civil population and Village Security Scheme. The Villager Leader, Poodimadaka (Sri N. Pattabhiramayya) took a very keen interest in the proper working of the Village Security Scheme.

The Security Officer toured for 21 days, visited 7 villages. He had liaison work with the District Superintendent of Police; Capt. P. C. Gupta, C.S.O. III; Lt. Sahi, I.O.; Lt. Mories, Adjutant to the O.C. of the 5th Indian Coast Battery and Capt. Eastmen.

The Additional Security Officer toured for 20 days and visited 4 villages.

The Guards of Calingapatam helped the Labour department and local organizations that fed the Burma evacuees in getting water from the river, cooking and serving food. The guards of Nowpada distributed quinine tablets to the villagers of Sunnopalle, Bavannapadu and Devunialtada and rendered all possible assistance to Malarial department at Nowpada. The guards of Kotapalem and Patarlapalle were doing night coastal watching.

All the Security Instructors and Sword and Stick-play Instructors were working properly. The scheme was working in 58 villages out of 60 villages.

Education and Entertainment

MADRAS.—War Series Nos. 101 and 102 and songs on Small Savings were received and distributed during the month.

COIMBATORE.—Magic lantern slides regarding travel less, Small Savings and National Savings, etc., were displayed in the various theatres of this district. Leaflets and posters regarding Savings Fortnight, Victory Loan, travel less, invest in Bonds, etc., were distributed during the month under review.

CUDDAPAH.—War pictures and National Savings slides were exhibited in the cinema halls in the district.

WEST GODAVARI.—Intensive propaganda was carried on in all the villages for the recruitment of labour to the Civil Labour Units and Defence Savings movement. The material supplied for propaganda purposes was distributed among the libraries and reading circles. Magic lantern slides and war shorts were exhibited in the local cinema halls. Gramaphone records of War Propaganda were played in the cinema halls.

SALEM.—The propaganda leaflets, etc., received especially, those on the Savings Campaign, were widely and promptly distributed. The posters received were also affixed on poster-boards and in conspicuous places. The District Victory House at Salem and the Victory Houses at Namakkal, Krishnagiri, Rasipur and Attur were functioning well.

TANJORE.—National War Front slides and Military Welfare slides were exhibited by the permanent cinema theatres in this district. The staff of the Public Health department exhibited slides through the magic lanterns supplied to them. Pamphlets and leaflets were distributed then and there to the National War Front staff, for use throughout the district and for public institutions. During the National Savings Fortnight held from 1st to 15th December, several pamphlets and leaflets were received from the National Savings Circle Officer, Madras, and they were properly distributed in time.

Posters were prominently exhibited throughout the district. Posters on Savings Certificates and Prize Bonds were distributed for display in all important places.

TINNEVELLY.—Regular propaganda was conducted throughout the district by the Health department; 20 lectures with magic lanterns were given by the Health staff of the Tinnevelly Municipality. The District Health staff gave 140 talks, gave 11 lectures without and 7 lectures with magic lanterns.

The posters and pamphlets relating to Small Savings Scheme and other pamphlets received during the month were distributed.

VIZAGAPATAM.—All the leaflets received were promptly despatched to the National War Front and Revenue officials for distribution to the public. Posters also were distributed to the National War Front and Revenue Officials for giving the widest publicity. The Taluk Propagandists pasted these posters at important places in their taluks.

Grow More Food

TANJORE.—In the Cauvery-Mettur Project area of the new delta of the Tanjore district an extent of over 60,000 acres has so far been reclaimed of which an extent of 52,000 acres has been brought under wet cultivation.

The War Effort and Government Departments

The Connemara Public Library

The different pamphlets, maps and pictures that were received at this Library were regularly placed on the readers' table for the use of the public, the latest items received being (1) Neptune for the use of Merchant Seamen, (2) Air Sea Rescue, (3) War in Pictures, (4) 'India's Part in the Fourth Year of War' issued by the War Department, (5) Political Wings over Europe, (6) Political Wings over Britain, (7) United Nations Bulletin, (8) Publications of the United States Office of War Information, Hornby Road, Bombay, (9) United News Action Pictures from the Battle of Normandy, (10) War Pictures by British Artists, (11) Far Eastern Bulletin and (12) Journal 'United States of America.'

The Librarian is subscribing Rs. 35 a month to the Defence Savings Provident Fund.

The Co-operative Department

War Propaganda.—Propaganda on all aspects of the war was vigorously pursued by all officers and subordinates of the Co-operative Department. The various leaflets, pamphlets and posters issued by the National War Front organizations were distributed to the societies and their contents given wide publicity. The officers exhorted the people to grow more food and vegetables, to save more money and thus to strengthen the home front. They enlightened the people on the several concessions granted by Government in the matter of conversion of waste lands into wet lands, free issue of seeds and manures by the Agricultural Department and the grant of interest free loans.

Grow More Food Campaign.—The Grow More Food propaganda was continued with vigour throughout the Province, as usual. The pamphlets on 'Grow More Food' and the monthly journal issued by Agricultural Department were distributed to the people through co-operative societies. In the Tanjore district, the Puvanur Co-operative Society granted loans to its members for growing vegetables and marketed vegetables worth about Rs. 250. The Chittoor and Chandragiri Co-operative Sale Societies in the Chittoor district undertook the distribution of composit manure purchased from the Chittoor and Tirupati Municipalities. The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society supplied 189 bags of manure valued at Rs. 5,670 approximately to its members for the cultivation of potatoes. The Ulliyari Agricultural Improvement Society in the Malabar district purchased manure to the value of Rs. 200 for distribution to members and the public. In the Tinnevelly district, the co-operative sale societies sold steel tyres and axles to the extent of Rs. 2,989. The Narasinganallore Agricultural Improvement Society sold manure to the value of Rs. 359. The local central bank issued loans to primary societies to the extent of Rs. 850 for cultivation expenses. The Guntur District Co-operative Central Bank, Tenali, issued loans to 6 societies to the extent of Rs. 6,295 for financing 52 agriculturist members for cultivation purposes. In the Coimbatore district, the co-operative sale societies distributed steel tyres and axles valued at Rs. 4,110.

Distribution of the food-stuffs.—The wholesale and the primary co-operative stores in the Province continued to play a useful part in the procurement and equitable distribution of all commodities including the controlled articles. The statutory rationing of rice, millets and other controlled articles in the two municipal towns of Kurnool and Nandyal continued to work satisfactorily through co-operative stores in the area. The Kurnool Wholesale Co-operative Stores continued to be the sole importer of rice for the entire district. The primary co-operative stores in the district continued to function as agents of the District Collector for procurement of millets under the Millets procurement scheme. The Kurnool Wholesale Co-operative Stores and 10 primary stores in the district acted as agents for Collector for the collection of the compulsory levy and marketable surpluses. The Ahobilam land colonization society in the district supplied 3,161 bags of 75 lb. each to the Kurnool Charcoal Purchase and Sale Society, for sale to the bus owners according to the directions of the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police. The Chingleput district wholesale stores effected sales to the total value of Rs. 11,61,679. The sales effected in the five depots opened at Avadi for the labourers employed in the Military, amounted to Rs. 3,337. Firewood to the value of Rs. 11,491 was sold to the public at Saidapet. The co-operative stores and depots in the Chittoor and Tirupati Municipalities continued to work satisfactorily the rationing scheme in respect of rice. In the Bellary district, the Hospet Central Bank issued loans amounting to Rs. 3,90,000 to the co-operative stores for purchase and distribution of controlled articles to the public. The South Kanara Wholesale Co-operative Stores imported 7,888 bags of rice costing Rs. 1,45,928, besides 145,590 muras of rice and 61,562 muras of paddy worth Rs. 14,55,900 and Rs. 2,65,428 respectively which it received locally. It distributed 6,987 bags of imported rice worth Rs. 1,31,880 and the sale of local rice and paddy effected by it amounted to Rs. 3,87,745 and Rs. 1,41,750 respectively. The Mangalore Co-operative stores distributed rice to 14,278 card-holders aggregating to Rs. 2,16,248. The 48 stores societies in the South Arcot district continued to do useful work in the distribution of controlled articles to the public. The statutory rationing of controlled articles at Anantapur and Tadpatri continued to work satisfactorily through co-operative stores. The Salem District Co-operative Wholesale Stores effected sales amounting to Rs. 2,87,140, while the Salem City Co-operative Stores effected sales worth Rs. 1,41,792. The wholesale co-operative stores ad the 35 primary stores in the Nellore district continued to play a useful part in the equitable distribution of all commodities including controlled articles. In the Ramnad district, 1,800 tons of rice were supplied to the co-operative wholesale stores, Madura, for distribution through primary stores, out of 2,500 tons of Tanjore paddy and rice allotted to the district. The stores societies in the Kistna district effected sales amounting to Rs. 3,33,654. The 60 stores societies in the Malabar district continued to play a prominent part in the district and urban rationing schemes. The procurement of paddy in the Alathur sub-taluk by the Malabar Co-operative Wholesale Stores is proceeding satisfactorily. The total sales effected by the primary co-operative stores in the Tinnevelly district amounted to Rs. 9,42,804 and the sales by the wholesale stores amounted to Rs. 6,85,840. The rural credit societies that were permitted to deal in controlled articles effected sales worth Rs. 12,068. The four co-operative stores within the Palamcottah and Tinnevelly Municipalities continued to sell fuel to the public at the rate fixed by the District Collector and the total sales of fuel amounted to Rs. 12,534. The 80 stores societies in the Guntur district continued to render useful service in the distribution of controlled articles and their total sales amounted to Rs. 4,96,463. The co-opperative wholesale stores continued to sell firewood to the public and effected sales worth Rs. 21,081. It is the sole wholesaler for Guntur Town and sold 11,509 bags of rice worth Rs. 3,06,645 to the various depots in the town. The Central Co-operative Stores, Vizagapatam, distributed 2,764 bags of rice acting as distributing agent of the Sub-Collector, Vizianagram, to the village quotadars and to the permit-holders. It also purchased goods worth Rs. 1,41,285 and sold articles worth Rs. 93,879. In the Coimbatore district, the Ramalinga Chowdeswari Co-operative Stores opened two more ration shops. The primary co-operative stores in the district distributed articles to the value of Rs. 2,56,607. The sales effected by the wholesale stores amounted to Rs. 3,98,494. Under the scheme of distribution of controlled articles through village credit societies 56 credit societies distributed controlled articles to the value of Rs. 24,328.

National Savings Scheme.—The investments made by the co-operative banks and societies and by the officers of the Co-operative department and in various other forms of Defence Savings from 1st April to 30th November 1944 amounted to Rs. 25,75,211.

War orders.—The execution of war orders was confined to textile goods and was done by weavers societies at the several centres controlled and guided by the Madras Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, Limited.

The Madras and the Coimbatore Milk Supply Unions continued to supply milk to the military. The quantity of milk and by-products supplied by them during the month is as follows:—

	Coimbatore Milk Supply Union. LB.	Madras Milk Supply Union. LB.
Milk ..	148,834	245,098
Butter ..	1,995	..
Cream ..	156	..

The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society supplied 168 bags of potatoes to the Officer Commanding No. I, Willington, and 2,778 bags of potatoes to the Hafeera Trading Company, Naval and Military contractors, Ceylon, to the total value of Rs. 75,406. The Kodur Fruit Growers' Society continued to supply fruits to the military on an agreement basis. The scheme has been working satisfactorily. The Pithapuram Vegetable Growers' Co-operative Society has been supplying vegetables to the military at Cocanada and the Fruit Growers' Societies at Rajahmundry and Pithapuram, have been supplying fruits to the military at Vizagapatam.

The Educational Department

During the month under report, a sum of Rs. 20 was collected from the members of the staff of the Director of Public Instruction's office and out of this sum two prize bonds were purchased.

A number of pamphlets and posters were distributed among the educational institutions in this Presidency.

Four applications from the subordinates of the department for posts in the Defence Services were received and forwarded with the Director of Public Instruction's recommendations; of these two were for Emergency Commissions.

The Industrial Department

Industrial Engineering Section—Coimbatore Division.—Two T.E.E. sets—1 P.D. and 1 H.B. sets were engaged during the period for the supply of drinking water.

Madras Subdivision.—The two Kite motion pumps were received under instructions from the Director of Civil Defence. 2 H.B. sets were engaged in supplying drinking water to the military staff.

Chingleput.—4 H. B. sets—2 P.D. and 2 T.Fs. and S.M.'s were engaged for the supply of drinking water to the staff.

Tanjore.—3 H.B. sets, 1 T.E. and P.D.V. were engaged in this area for putting down borings and supply of water.

Bezwada division.—One P.D. set was regularly supplying water to the staff. The bore put down by one of the P.D. sets reached a depth of 180 feet below ground level in hard rock and two springs were tapped. Of the 2 H.B. sets in use there 1 had completed 3 borings and the other two.

Sericultural section.—A quantity of 351,130 disease free-laying was distributed to the rearers by both Government and Aided grainages to produce good cross breed cocoons. The quantity of good cocoons supplied to the 2 filatures was 110,640 lb. Ninteen applications for assignment of Government waste lands to the extent of 81 acres for mulberry cultivation were received. A quantity of 383,500 pure Mysore seed cocoons was received for the preparation of cross-breed layings. A sum of Rs. 780 was collected towards the purchase of National Savings Certificate.

Government School of Technology, Madras.—There are 112 technicians under training in the school in various trades. The training of war technicians continued to progress satisfactorily.

Government Industrial School, Bellary.—During this month, four fresh admissions were made bringing the total strength to seven.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—The school gave intensive training in various trades to about 306 technicians during the month. Thirty-three trainees were despatched to Army Units. The night shift worked as usual.

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—The Institute continued to be borne on the A.R.P. Subsidiary scheme.

Government Silk Filature, Kollegal.—During this month the Government Silk Filature, continued to produce raw silk for the manufacture of parachutes and the quantity of raw silk produced was 5,384 lb. and 6 oz.

War Supplies section.—The following stores were manufactured and supplied during the month:—

1. Camouflaged nets 24′ ÷ 24′	376
2. Bags Wall-small	100
3. Bags Pole and Pin	83
4 Tents I.P. Bags Pin	125
5. Pick Axe Helves 4½ lb	307
6. Scoops Hand Flour	6,172

The total value of the above stores is Rs. 21,773.

The following collections were made during the month:—

Rs. 200 for purchase of war bonds
Rs. 200 towards National Post Office Certificate.
Rs. 10 towards Defence Savings Provident Fund.
Re. 1 towards War Fund.

Kollegal Silk Filature, Kollegal.—The production of parachute quality silk during the month was as follows:—

1. 24/28 Devier 'A'	1,455 lb.	9 oz.
2. 24/28 Do. 'B'	965 ,,	8 ,,
3. 24/28 Rewound	4 ,,	15 ,,
4. 24/28 Special	354 ,,	7 ,,
Total ..	2,780 lb.	7 oz.

The Government Museum

The use of the Museum Theatre was given free of rent and other charges during December 1944 for the following performances:—

20th to 23rd (4 days).	Madras Dramatic Society ..	Performance in aid of His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.
24th and 28th (2 days).	All-India Gramophone Society.	Gramophone recital free for troops.

The Madras Record Office

A sum of Rs. 76 was subscribed to the Defence Savings Provident Fund by the officers and staff of this office. They also contributed Rs. 30 for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. The Curator continued to contribute 11 per cent of his salary towards the Defence Savings Provident Fund and certificates.

The Medical Department

Recruitment.—Newly qualified doctors and final-year students of Medical Colleges were deputed from this Province to visit the Training and Depot Centre, I.A.M.C., Deolali South, during the month of December 1944.

A meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.A.M.C.) Recruitment Committee was held during the month to interview and select candidates for Emergency Commissions in the I.A.M.C.

The propaganda unit consisting of one civilian Principal Touring Officer and six Regional Touring Officers completed their touring work in connexion with recruitment to the I.A.M.C. during the month.

Recruitment to the various categories of Military Medical Services and the Indian Military Nursing Service (temporary) was continued during the month as usual.

The training of Auxiliary Nursing Service candidates in all the usual centres continued during the month under report.

The Police Department

A sum of Rs. 58–15–1 was donated by the Madras City Police officials towards the War Fund and 11 Police constables of the Madras City Police donated their blood to the Blood Bank in December 1944.

The Public Health Department

The Public Health staff delivered a number of talks and lectures with, as well as without magic lantern demonstrations, attended to the sanitary needs of the soldiers' families and advised people to purchase war and prize bonds, persuaded them to grow more food and enlist themselves for war service.

The Registration Department

The District Registrar of Bellary-Anantapur in his camps at Kadiri and Gooty, presided over war propaganda meetings arranged by the Taluk War Propagandist and spoke on the present situation of the war, recruitment to various war services, evils of hoarding and profiteering and how people could help the prosecution of the war by investing their savings in Government War Bonds, Victory Loans, National Savings Certificates, etc. In connection with the celebration of the 70th birthday of the Right Honourable Mr. Churchill at Bellary the above Registrar addressed the audience in Telugu on the life history and family traditions of Mr. Churchill and paid tributes to his heroic and historic career.

The Sub-Registrar of Baindur got a Kanarese drama written by him enacted on the 28th December and this fetched nearly Rs. 2,000 to the war fund. The Sub-Registrar of Katpadi took part in the opening function of Soldiers' Welfare Ration Depot.

All the Sub-Registrars in charge of reading circles continue to educate the public on the war activities and appealed to them to invest their savings in Defence Savings Certificates and the like, to grow more food and not to indulge in false propaganda regarding war.

Four applications were received from the staff of this department for appointment in the defence services.

The officers of this department realised the following amounts by voluntary contribution from the public towards:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) National Savings Certificates	59,570	4	8
(ii) Defence Savings Bonds	47,544	2	2
(iii) Defence Savings Bank Account	14,161	0	0
(iv) Victory Loan	16,198	7	4
(v) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund ..	948	0	0
(vi) Red Cross Fund	568	0	0
(vii) Royal Indian Navy Benevolent Association Fund.	258	0	0

Contributions were made by the Registration staff towards the following funds:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,360	8	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bank Account	340	0	0
(iii) Defence Bonds	100	0	0
(iv) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund	16	0	0
(v) National Savings Certificates	10	0	0

The Veterinary Department

During the month, a sum of Rs. 2 was donated by the members of the department and another sum of Rs. 115–14–5 was collected from Hundi boxes kept at the Veterinary institutions and remitted towards His Excellency the Madras Governor's War Fund—Defence Savings Certificates and stamps and prize bonds to the value of Rs. 271–12–0 were purchased by the staff. A sum of Rs. 726–8–0 was contributed by the staff of the department towards Defence Savings Provident Fund.

Propaganda on the usual lines continued to be done by the officers of the department towards increasing the war effort.

One Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of the department was selected for an Emergency Commission in the I.A.V.C.

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras

Speaking on the third anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbour, Mr. O. R. Underhill described how craftily the Japanese had conceived their plan. Drunk with success, the enemy overran almost all the islands in the Pacific; Malaya, Singapore and Burma were quickly overrun. But their advance was halted. Today the Japanese are paying heavily for their treachery. In Burma, they have been steadily pushed back and the Allied armies are making for Mandalay, the key to Central Burma. In an interesting talk on 6th December 1944, Lt. Col. Lemin described how step by step the offensive has passed into the hands of the Allies.

But we have yet to go a long way before the enemy could be completely crushed. Men and materials are required in increasing proportions; and this presents great opportunities to the young men. A feature programme on the new scheme for the recruitment of officers for the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force and the Royal Indian Navy broadcast on 8th December 1944 stressed this aspect; among those who participated in the programme were Major H. C. Ingle, Ft. Lt. Sastri and Lt. Rebello. Again on 10th December 1944, Ft. Lt. Sastri gave a talk to University students on the problem of choosing a career and invited them to join the Indian Air Force in large numbers.

S. K. Ahmad Meeran dwelt upon the importance of the Home Front in a talk broadcast on 20th December 1944. The dangers of careless talk, the need for spreading correct information among the common people and the importance of thrift were some of the points stressed by him.

In a talk entitled "The war and the organisation of People's Food" on 21st December 1944 Mr. A. M. Gopalakrishnan discussed the problem of peoples' food with special reference to India. In another talk on 13th December 1944, Prof. M. S. Sabesan welcomed the "Grow More Food" campaign and said that unless production increased as a permanent measure, the millions in India could not be properly fed. Mr. R. M. Sundaram, I.C.S., Additional Secretary, Development Department, Government of Madras, spoke on "New Farming" on 29th December 1944 and pleaded for increasing the level and quality of agricultural production.

Professor Coupland's recent book has stimulated discussion on this subject of the future constitution of India, from various points of view. Ro Bahadur N. Sivaraj, Member of the National Defence Council, gave the concluding talk in the series "Future Constitution of India" on 27th December 1944. In their discussion on 'Post-War Education' broadcast on 1st December 1944, Dr. C. V. Chandrasekaran, Mr. Kuruvilla Jacob and Mr. S. Natarajan considered certain important aspects of the Sargeant Report touching upon University Education and hoped the scheme would be implemented without avoidable delay.

There were as usual relays from the B.B.C. of the discussions on "Foundations of Freedom" and of Wickham Steed's "World Affairs".

Of the talks in Telugu and Tamil mention must be made of the broadcasts on 7th and 8th December 1944, dealing with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour and recent successes of the Allies in the Pacific theatre. There were in addition, the regular talks analysing and countering Axis Propaganda.

In Malayalam and Kannada there were the usual war talks every evening with weekly reviews on Sunday.

The total number of war items broadcast during the month was 147.

Trichinopoly

The new addition to the programmes of the station is the electrical recording of a series of topical talks arranged in collaboration with the Headquarters, Air Command, South-East Asia.

Programmes in the B.B.C. series, Foundations of Freedom and World Affairs, were relayed as usual but most outstanding items among relayed programmes were His Majesty the King-Emperor's Christmas Day broadcost and the inaguration of the Savings Fortnight by His Excellency the Governor of Madras, the experiences of War Correspondent by T. G. Narayanan from Calcutta on Pearl Harbour Day and from Madras on the 28th, Talks on Post-war problems by Sir A. Dalal, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar and Sir T. Gregory were relayed from Delhi.

On the 6th, Lieut.-Col. J. Gordon-Wilson, R.A.M.C., gave his experiences of "The fight against diseases on the Indo-Burma Front" and on the 12th, Col. O. T. Durrant gave the listeners an idea of "The Training of Indian Soldiers for Present Day Operations in Burma." These were followed up by equally interesting broadcasts in Tamil by Rao Bahadur V. S. Tyagaraja Mudaliyar and Rao Bahadur P. S. Nallasami Naidu, Honorary Assistant Recruiting Officer, Periyakulam. On Pearl Harbour Day Mr. S. A. Aiyaswami Chetti, District Munsif, Kulittalai, laid bare the yellow peril and appealed for all out effort against Japanese aggression.

The earlier half of the month witnessed a vigorous drive for savings and the campaign was inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of Madras, a recording of which was relayed from Madras on the 1st. A talk in Tamil by Mr. M. Natarajan, Officiating District Organizer, National War Front, Trichinopoly, on the savings campaign was broadcast on the 15th.

One aspect of Military Welfare, Soldiers' Mail, was the subject of a talk by Mr. G. R. Naidu, Superintendent of Post Offices, Trichinopoly, and much useful information regarding concessions and the facilities for soldiers' families was given. Mr. T. M. Kanthimathi Mudaliyar, Junior Deputy Inspector of Schools, Madura, made an effective appeal for contribution to the Blood Bank re-counting his own experiences as a donor.

Propaganda for recruitment to the services was made in the talks Mr. K. A. Varughis, Former Deputy Controller of A.R.P., Trichinopoly, and Rao Bahadur N. Ramaswami Ayyar, President of the Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee, Trichinopoly.

Education of the public in measures of price control, the crusade against black markets, security education, etc., continued as usual in the weekly series, Background to the News, History is Made and Ourselves and the War and other special talks. Other important items were the talk on "Austerity in Food Consumption" by Rao Bahadur T. Sriman Kanthimathinatha Pillai on the 16th and the broadcast on the 1st by Mr. G. Rangasami Ayyangar, explaining offences under the H.P.P.O.

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